



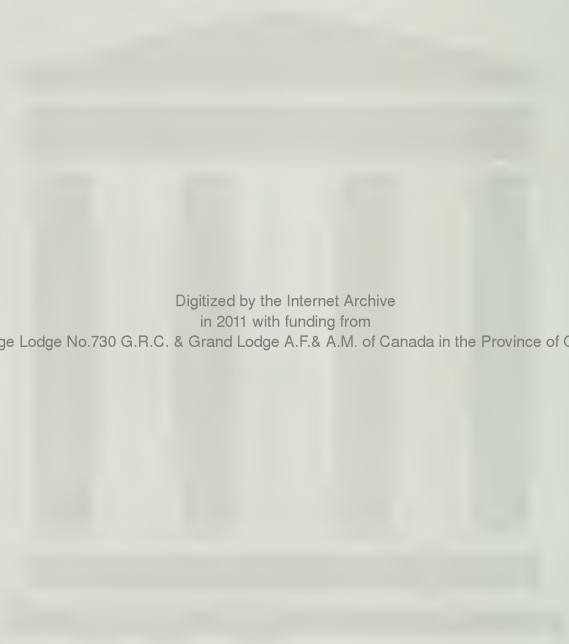


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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE

OF
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

OF CANADA,
AT
SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS,

Held at Hamilton, 21st August, A. L. 5874; Marmora, 1st September,
A. L. 5874; Port Stanley, 2nd November, A. L. 5874; Simcoe,
20th January, A. L. 5875; Pembroke, 24th May, A. L.
5875; Belleville, 31st May, A. L. 5875; Walk-
erton, 1st July, A. L. 5875; and Pem-
broke, 10th July, A. L. 5875.

ALSO, AT THE

Twentieth Annual Communication,

HELD AT THE CITY OF LONDON,

ON THE

14th and 15th Days of July, A. D. 1875, A. L. 5875.



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Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the City of Hamilton, on Thursday the 21st day of August, A.D., 1874, A.L., 5874.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. William M. Wilson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

R. W. Bro.	James K. Kerr,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " "	B. E. Charlton,	as " Senior Warden.
" " "	Hugh Murray,	" Junior "
" " "	Rev. W. T. Smithett,	as " Chaplain.
" " "	Otto Klotz,	as " Treasurer.
" " "	Allan McLean,	as " Registrar.
" " "	J. J. Mason,	as " Secretary.
V. " "	F. J. Menet,	" Senior Deacon.
" " "	George S. Birrell,	" Junior "
" " "	C. H. Slawson,	as " Sup't of Works.
R. " "	D. Spry,	as " Dir. of Cer.
V. " "	F. R. Despard,	Ass't " Secretary.
R. " "	J. B. Bickell,	as " " Dir. of Cer.
V. " "	J. M. Clement,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	W. L. P. Eager,	as " Organist.
" " "	J. Greenfield,	as " Ass't Organist.
" " "	W. Carey,	as " Pursuivant.

	Bro. John Dickson,	Grand Tyler.
V. " "	C. R. Smith, as	} Grand Stewards.
" " "	R. Brierley, as	
" " "	W. T. Munday, as	
" " "	J. M. Gibson, as	
" " "	G. Stewart, as	
" " "	Isaac Waterman,	
" " "	W.C. Morrison, as	
" " "	J. Corlis,	
" " "	R. Rochester,	
" " "	E. Peplow, Jr.	
" " "	W. Doctor, as	
" " "	T. F. Blackwood,	

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	T. C. Macnabb,	St. Clair	District.
" " "	Chauncy Bennett,	Wilson	"
" " "	W. F. Savage,	Wellington	"
" " "	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton	"
" " "	D. E. Broderick,	Niagara	"
" " "	R. P. Stephens,	Toronto	"
" " "	J. B. Trayes,	Ontario	"
" " "	A. S. Kirkpatrick,	St. Lawrence	"

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro.	James Seymour,	P. G. M.
R " "	Thomas Ridout,	P. D. D. G. M.
" " "	Isaac F. Toms,	"
" " "	John Tracy,	"
" " "	R. Kemp,	"
" " "	W. G. Storm,	"
" " "	Otto Klotz,	"
" " "	David Curtis,	"
" " "	C. D. Macdonnell,	"
" " "	D. B. Burch,	"
" " "	H. B. Bull,	"
" " "	Charles Magill,	"
" " "	F. Westlake,	"

R. W. Bro.	B. E. Charlton,	P. G. S. W.
" "	" Allan McLean,	"
" "	" James Bain,	"
" "	" Henry Macpherson,	"
" "	" J. W. Murton,	"
" "	" D. McLellan,	P. G. R.
" "	" D. Spry,	"
" "	" H. A. Mackay,	"
" "	" J. B. Bickell,	"
V. "	" C. R. Smith,	P. Ass't G. S.
" "	" R. Brierley,	"
" "	" W. T. Munday,	"
" "	" B. Saunders,	P. G. S. B.
" "	" Charles Sharpe,	P. G. D. of C.
" "	" E. E. Kitchen,	P. G. P.
" "	" W. Carey	P. G. S.
" "	" Wm. Doctor,	"
" "	" John Paterson,	"
" "	" W. L. P. Eager,	"
" "	" Thos. Rawlings,	"
" "	" John Boyd,	"
" "	" W. C. Morrison,	"

Together with Masters, Past Masters, and brethren hailing from the following Lodges, viz.: Niagara, No. 2, Niagara; St. John's, No. 3, Kingston; Barton, No. 6, Hamilton; Union, No. 7, Grimsby; Moira, No. 11, Belleville; St. George's, No. 15, St. Catharines; St. Andrew's, No. 16, Toronto; St. John's, No. 17, Cobourg; King Solomon's, No. 22, Toronto; Ionic, No. 25, Toronto; Ontario, No. 26, Port Hope; Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton; Jerusalem, No. 31, Bowmanville; Welland, No. 36, Font Hill; King Hiram, No. 37, Ingersoll; Mount Zion, No. 39, Brooklin; St. John's No. 40, Hamilton; St. George's No. 42, London; King Solomon's, No. 43, Woodstock; Brant, No. 45, Brantford; Harmony, No. 57, Binbrook; Acacia, No. 61, Hamilton; St. Andrew's, No. 62, Caledonia; Kilwinning, No. 64; London; Rehoboam, No. 65, Toronto; St. John's, No. 68, Ingersoll;

St. James No. 74, Maitland; St. John's, No. 75, Toronto; Oxford, No. 76, Woodstock; Faithful Brethren, No. 77, Lindsay; Simcoe, No. 79, Bradford; St. John's, No. 82, Paris; St. George's, No. 88, Owen Sound; Cataraqui, No. 92, Kingston; Corinthian, No. 96, Barrie; True Blue, No. 98, Albion; Tuscan, No. 99, Newmarket; Valley, No. 100, Dundas; Maple Leaf, No. 103, St. Catharines; St. Paul's, No. 107, Lambeth; Maitland, No. 112, Goderich; Ivy, No. 115, Beamsville; Doric, No. 121, Brantford; Cornwall, No. 125, Cornwall; St. Lawrence, No. 131, Southampton; Pythagoras, No. 137, Meaford; Lebanon, No. 139, Oshawa; Malahide, No. 140, Aylmer, J. B. Hall, No. 145, Millbrook; The Grand River, No. 151, Berlin; Irving, No. 154, Lucan; Burlington, No. 165, Wellington Square; Wentworth, No. 166, Stony Creek; Merritt, No. 168, Welland; Ayr, No. 172, Ayr; Speed, No. 180, Guelph; Petrolia, No. 194, Petrolia; White Oak, No. 198, Oakville; St. Albans, No. 200, Mount Forest; Irvine, No. 203, Elora; Stevenson, No. 218, Toronto; Ionic, No. 229, Brampton; St. George, No. 243, St. George; Ashlar, No. 247, Yorkville; Minden, No. 253, Kingston; Guelph, No. 254, Guelph; Cedar, No. 270, Oshawa; Wellington, No. 271, Erin; Kent, No. 274, Blenheim; New Hope, No. 279, Hespeler; Dufferin, No. 291, West Flamboro; Temple, No. 296, St. Catharines; Preston, No. 297, Preston; Blair, No. 313, Palmerston; Doric, No. 316, Toronto. In all about 600 brethren.

And a number of distinguished brethren from other jurisdictions, including,

M. W. Bro.	Thos. White, Jr.	P. G. M.	Montreal.
R. " "	Thos. Milton,	D. D. G. M.	"
" " "	Wm. Nivin,	P. D. D. G. M.	"
" " "	John Urquhart, Jr.	P. D. D. G. M.	"
	Representative of Elgin Lodge S. R.		
" " "	Wm. Hutton,	Representative of Lodges E. R. Montreal,	

The Grand Lodge having been opened in *Ample Form* at 2.30 o'clock P. M.,

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that this special Communication of Grand Lodge had been convened for the purpose of paying the last sad offices of respect to the remains of the late R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Secretary, who after a brief illness had been called from his labors to the Grand Lodge above.

A procession was then formed in Prince's Square, in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Book of Constitution.

R. W. Bro. H. B. Bull, P. D. D. G. M., officiated as Grand Marshal, assisted by R. W. Bro. D. McLellan, V. W. Bros. R. Brierley, W. T. Munday and C. R. Smith, and W. Bros. Gavin Stewart and J. M. Gibson.

After the usual service at the residence, Duke street, the ranks were opened, and the near friends, together with the officers of Grand Lodge, followed by the brethren generally, passed through to the Church of the Ascension, the band of the Artillery meanwhile playing the Dead March in Saul. First came a carriage containing the family physician, then the mourners, among whom was the brother of deceased, followed by a beautiful hearse drawn by four black horses, in which was the coffin, a handsome rosewood casket, surmounted with the following inscription :

THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, 33°,
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., &c., &c.
DIED 18TH AUGUST, 1874,
Aged 56 yrs. 17 days.

Near the head of the coffin, and on the apron worn by the deceased, were a large square and compasses, beautifully worked in immortelles, and near the foot, on the lid, lay a large wreath of immortelles, tastily arranged and wrought.

The pall-bearers were M. W. Bro. T. White, Jr., P. G. M.; R. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr, D. G. M.; T. C. Macnabb, D. D. G. M.; David Curtis, P. D. D. G. M.; C. D. Macdonnell, P. D. D. G. M.; J. W. Murton, P. G. S. W.; H. A. Mackay, P. G. R., and W. Bro. C. L. Beard.

In the church Bro. Rev. G. A. Bull read the Psalms, and the Rev. J. J. Hebden the lesson, between which the choir sang the 50th hymn, and the service closed with the singing of the 272nd hymn, beginning, "There is a land of pure delight." The procession was then re-formed, and having arrived at the cemetery, proceeded to the grave in due form.

After the service of the Church of England had been read by the Rev. Mr. Hebden, the Masonic burial service was read by the M. W. the Grand Master. The following hymn was sung by the brethren :

Deep sorrow now pervades each heart,
And grief our bosoms swell ;
A brother from our band departs,
In that new home to dwell.

No more in our loved Lodge again
Shall we our brother greet ;
But in that Lodge that's free from pain
Shall we our lost one meet.

Here rest in peace, thy labor's o'er ;
Our brother we resign,
Till the Grand Master's word restore
To light and life divine.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Grand Master addressing the brethren, said :

From the long intimacy existing between the late Bro. Harris and himself, both Masonically and otherwise, the brethren could well understand that his feelings would not allow him to express the sentiments he would wish to give utterance to. It was, however, a great gratification to him—if he might use such an expression at such a time—to see so large a concourse of brethren assembled, as they were, from all parts of the country, to tender the last token of respect to the remains of their deceased brother.

The members of Grand Lodge having returned to the Lodge-room,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. David McLellan, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. A. Mackay, and

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes be requested to prepare a resolution of condolence to be forwarded to the widow of our deceased brother.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That in consideration of the deep feeling of regret at the great loss the Craft has sustained by the death of our esteemed R. W. Bro. Thomas B. Harris, this Grand Lodge expresses the desire that the brethren of the Craft wear mourning for thirty days.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Bain, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. Spry, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Committee of Management of the Hamilton Lodges, for the satisfactory arrangements made for holding the present Special Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. McLellan, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railway Companies for their liberality in reducing the fares to delegates attending this Communication.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in Due Form.

ATTEST.



J. J. MASON,
Acting Grand Sec.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the village of Marmora, County of Hastings, on Tuesday the first day of September, A. D. 1874, A. L. 5874.

PRESENT:

- R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier, D. D. G. M., as Grand Master.
“ “ E. B. Fralick, as Deputy Grand Master.
“ “ Dr. Boulter, as Grand Senior Warden.
“ “ W. L. Hamilton, as “ Junior Warden.
“ “ W. C. Nunn, as “ Secretary.
“ “ Benjamin Johnson, as “ Treasurer.
“ “ Geo. E. Bull, as “ Chaplain.
“ “ Dr. Loomis, as “ Senior Deacon.
“ “ Thos. Warren, as “ Junior Warden.
“ “ H. G. Thurbur, as “ Dir. of Ceremonies.
“ “ D. Fitchett, as “ Supt. of Works.
“ “ A. Chard, as “ Pursuivant.
“ “ C. Craige,
“ “ J. Turner,
“ “ A. Scott,
“ “ John Smith,
“ “ Geo. Jones, } as Grand Stewards.

Together with over 100 brethren hailing from the following Lodges:—Marmora, No. 222; Madoc, No 48; Norwood, No. 223; Stirling, No. 69; Golden Rule, No. 126; Tweed, No. 239; Mystic, No. 278.

On the assemblage of the brethren at the Town Hall, which was used for the occasion as Lodge-room, R. W. Bro. Lazier informed them that he had been deputed by the

M. W. Grand Master to act as his representative in laying the corner stone of St. Paul's Church about to be erected in that village.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form at 12 o'clock, noon. The usual Masonic procession was then formed, and proceeded to the site of the proposed edifice, preceded by the Norwood band.

The ceremonies of laying the corner-stone were properly and ably performed by the Acting Grand Master, in accordance with the ancient usages of the Order.

During the ceremony the Acting Grand Master was presented with a beautiful silver trowel, bearing the following inscription :

PRESENTED TO
R. W. Bro. S. S. LAZIER, D. D. G. M., P. E. D.,
By the Ladies of Marmora,
on the occasion of his laying the
corner-stone of
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MARMORA,
September 1st, A. L. 5874, A. D. 1874.

An eloquent and instructive oration was delivered by the Acting Grand Master.

On the conclusion of the ceremony the procession was re-formed, and returned to the Lodge-room, when the Grand Lodge was closed in form with solemn prayer.

ATTEST.



J. J. MASON,
Acting Grand Sec.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At a special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at Port Stanley, on November the 2nd, A. L., 5874, A. D., 1874.

PRESENT.

R. W. Bro.	W. D. McGloghlon, D.D.G.M.,	as	Grand Master.
" "	F. Westlake, P.D.D.G.M.,	as	Deputy Gr. Master.
" "	John R. Bell,	as	Grand Senior Warden
" "	John Edgecombe,	as	" Junior Warden.
" "	Wm. B. Burgess,	as	" Chaplain.
" "	John Mason,	as	" Treasurer.
" "	J. H. Newton,	as	" Registrar.
" "	H. A. Baxter,	as	" Secretary.
" "	Alex. Weir,	as	" Senior Deacon.
" "	L. H. Ellison,	as	" Junior Deacon.
" "	John Ellison, Sr.	as	" Sup't of Works.
" "	Thos Edgecombe,	as	" Dir. of Cer.
" "	Wm. Edgecombe,	as	" Ass't Secretary.
" "	Thos, Robinson,	as	" Ass't D. of Cer.
" "	John Bobier,	as	" Sword Bearer.
" "	W. G. Strathdee,	as	" Organist.
" "	Wm. H. Gough,	as	" Pursuivant.
" "	A. Hepburne,	as	" Tyler.
" "	J. Corlis,		} Grand Stewards.
" "	Chas. Roe,	as	
" "	Thos. Kelly,	as	
" "	W. B. Cole,	as	
" "	Thos. Fergusson,	as	
" "	G. W. Tomlinson,	as	
" "	A. B. Reamey,	as	
" "	Andrew Kellock,	as	

Assisted by a large number of brethren from the following Lodges: St. George's No. 42; St. Thomas, No. 44; King Solomon's, No. 43; Kilwinning, No. 64; Albion, No. 84; Beaver, No. 83; King Hiram, No. 78; St. Mark's, No. 94; St. Paul's, No. 107; Warren, No. 120; Prince of Wales, No. 171; Spartan, No. 176, and others.

Grand Lodge was opened in *form*.

The Acting Grand Master then announced the object of convening this Grand Lodge which was for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall about to be erected by the brethren of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, who had the misfortune to have their old hall burned on the 8th of September last, which caught fire from an adjoining building while the Lodge was in session. Although unfortunate, it happened at a fortunate time, as the brethren being present in force saved most of the Lodge furniture, regalia, &c. The new hall is to be a fine brick structure of ample size for a splendid hall and necessary rooms, besides stores below which are to be rented by the Lodge for business purposes.

The brethren were then formed in procession by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site of the new hall, when the procession halted and opened out facing inwards, when the Grand Master and Grand Officers passed through to the north east corner where a spacious platform had been erected for their convenience. The acting Grand Master then informed the large concourse of spectators of the object of the meeting.

At this part of the ceremony W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, W. M., of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, presented the Acting Grand Master with a magnificent solid silver trowel of full size, and remarked that it was with great pleasure that he presented him with this trowel on behalf of St. Mark's Lodge, and hoped that he would be long spared in his Masonic usefulness.

The Acting Grand Master replied that it was always his greatest desire to assist Masonry in the great and good work she was now and had been prosecuting from time immemorial, and that he hoped the present Masonic temple would rise a structure perfect in its parts, an honor to the brethren of Port Stanley, a credit to the Town, and a blessing to the people.

The inscription on the trowel is as follows :

PRESENTED TO

R. W. Bro. W. D. McGLOGHLON, D. D. G. M., London District,
A. F. & A. M., Masons of Canada,

by the brethren of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley ;
on the occasion of the laying of the
corner stone of their

MASONIC HALL, November, 2nd, A. L. 5874, A. D. 1874.

In the centre of which is engraved the district seal of London District, of which the motto is, "*As God was with our fathers, so may he be with us.*" The trowel is of full size, with a handsome border, On the point is engraved the all-seeing eye, near the handle a double triangle. The handle is of black ebony, on which are the square and compasses in silver.

The Grand Chaplain then offered prayer, and the scroll, which bore the following inscription, was read by the acting Grand Secretary :

In the name and by the favor of the

Glorious Architect of the Universe,

AND ON THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER,

A. D. 1874, A. L. 5874,

And in the Thirty-eighth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, &c., &c.

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, LL.D., Grand Master,
A. F. & A. Masons of Canada,

His Excellency Right Honorable the EARL OF DUFFERIN, K. P. K. C. B.
Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c.

Lieut.-Governor the Hon. JOHN CRAWFORD, Toronto, Ont.

This Foundation Stone of the Masonic Hall

Erected by the Masonic Fraternity of Port Stanley, Ontario, Canada,
Was Laid,

Under Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Canada,

By R.W. Bro. W. D. McGLOGHLON,
District Deputy Grand Master for the London District,
Assisted by

The Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, and a large concourse of the Brethren;
in accordance with the ancient ceremonies
and usages of the Order.

Which may the G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper.

OFFICERS OF ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 94, G. R. C., PORT STANLEY.—W. Bro. Thos. Robinson, Worshipful Master, Bro. Alex. Weir, Senior Warden; Bro. W. H. Gough, Junior Warden; Bro. Wm. B. Burgess, Chaplain; Bro. Wm. Edgcombe, Secretary; Bro. John Babier, Senior Deacon; Bro. H. L. Ellison, Junior Deacon; Bro. Henry B. Kelly, Inuer Guard; Bro. A. Hepbourne, Tyler; Bro. John Mason, Treasurer; Bro. Orin Campbell, Dir. Ceremonies; Bro. W. G. Strathdee, Organist.

Which was then placed in the stone with the following: A copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada; a copy of the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1873; three copies of the *Craftsman*—one for July, 1873, August and September, 1874; copy of the *Canadian Almanac* for 1874; a Railway Guide for 1874; *Toronto Globe*, *London Free Press* and *Advertiser*, and three St. Thomas papers; report and list of officers of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Insurance Association, and various Canadian coins. The necessary mortar was then spread for cementing the two parts of the stone. The cement having been spread by the Grand Master, the stone was laid with the usual ceremonies.

The Grand Master then delivered the following oration:

Men and brethren here assembled: Be it known unto you that we are lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country; and engaged by solemn obligations to erect magnificent buildings, to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged, and which have never been found out; but these secrets are lawful and honorable and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were intrusted in peace and honour to the Freemasons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our craft were good, and our calling honorable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries; nor should we have been

honored with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day, in the face of you all, to build a house, which, we pray God, may deserve to prosper; by becoming a place of concourse for good men, and promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world till time shall be no more. So mote it be.

W. Bro. Chas. Rae, of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, then delivered a very fitting oration on the benefits and excellencies of Freemasonry. He was followed by Bro. the Rev. Geo. Stewart, of St. Mark's Lodge, who delivered a most excellent speech fitted to the occasion, and from which many will no doubt derive much profit.

The Grand Lodge then re-formed and marched back to the Lodge room, where the Grand Lodge was closed in *form*.

ATTEST.



J. J. MASON,
Acting Grand Sec.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Town of Simcoe, on Wednesday, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1875, A. L. 5875.

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro.	James K. Kerr, D. G. M.,	Acting Grand Master.
" " "	B. E. Charlton, as	Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	David McLellan, as	" Junior "
" " "	Rev. Canon Innes,	" Chaplain.
" " "	Henry Groff,	" Treasurer.
" " "	Henry Macpherson, as	" Registrar.
" " "	J. J. Mason,	Acting " Secretary.
V. " "	John F. Lash, as	" Senior Deacon.
" " "	J. M. Gibson, as	" Junior "
" " "	John Midgley, as	" Supt. of Works.
" " "	John Wilson, as	" Dir. of Cer.
" " "	F. R. Despard,	Asst. " Secretary.
" " "	John Clark, as	Asst. " Dir. of Cer.
" " "	J. M. Clement,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	C. A. Sippi,	" Organist.
" " "	A. Hurd,	Asst. " Organist.
" " "	Hugh Kerr,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	J. Heron,	" Tyler.
" " "	R. Rochester,	} " Stewards.
" " "	T. F. Blackwood,	
" " "	W. L. P. Eager, as	
" " "	John Boyd, as	
" " "	W. Docter, as	
" " "	J. S. Scarff, as	
" " "	F. W. Forbes, as	
" " "	J. O'Donnell, as	
" " "	W. Fry, as	
" " "	J. J. Hillary, as	
" " "	C. A. Jones, as	

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. W. D. McGloghlon,	London District.
“ “ “ Chauncy Bennett,	Wilson “
“ “ “ J. H. Benson,	Huron “
“ “ “ J. J. Mason,	Hamilton “
“ “ “ D. E. Broderick,	Niagara “
“ “ “ R. P. Stephens,	Toronto “

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

- R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, Representative of the Grand Orient of Uruguay.
- R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas.
- R. W. Bro. David McLellan, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.
- R. W. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Michigan.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

- R. W. Bros. J. A. Lockwood and C. E. Young, of Buffalo, Representatives of the Grand Lodge of New York.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W. Bro. James Seymour, P. G. M.
- R. “ “ F. Westlake, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ Otto Klotz, “
- “ “ “ I. P. Willson, “
- “ “ “ I. F. Toms, “
- “ “ “ B. E. Charlton, P. G. S. W.
- “ “ “ Henry Macpherson, “
- “ “ “ David McLellan, P. G. R.
- “ “ “ Daniel Spry, “
- “ “ “ Hugh A. Mackay, “
- “ “ “ John Nettleton, “
- V. “ “ John F. Lash, P. G. S. D.
- “ “ “ John Clarke, “

“ “ “	Walter Chatfield,	P. G. S. of Works.
“ “ “	R. Brierley,	P. Asst. G. S.
“ “ “	John Midgley,	P. Asst. G. D. of C.
“ “ “	Henry Carlisle,	P. Grand Organist.
“ “ “	Henry Waterman,	P. Asst. Grand Organist.
“ “ “	W. L. P. Eager,	P. G. Steward.
“ “ “	Thos. Rawlings,	“
“ “ “	James S. Scarff,	“
“ “ “	Wm. Docter,	“
“ “ “	John Boyd,	“

Together with Masters and Past Masters and brethren hailing from the following Lodges: Niagara, 2, Niagara; Barton, 6, Hamilton; Union, 7, Grimsby; Norfolk, 10, Simcoe; Moira, 11, Belleville; St. George's, 15, St. Catharines; Prince Edward, 18, Picton; Richmond, 23, Richmond Hill; Ionic, 25, Toronto; Ontario, 26, Port Hope; Strict Observance, 27, Hamilton; Composite, 30, Whitby; Amity, 32, Dunnville; Goderich, 33, Goderich; Welland, 36, Fonthill; King Hiram, 37, Ingersoll; St. John's, 40, Hamilton; St. George's, 42, London; King Solomon's, 43, Woodstock; St. Thomas, 44, St. Thomas; Brant, 45, Brantford; Wellington, 46, Chatham; Acacia, 61, Hamilton; St. Andrew's, 62, Caledonia; Kilwinning, 64, London; Rehoboam, 65, Toronto; Durham, 66, Newcastle; St. John's, 68, Ingersoll; Alma, 72, Galt; St. John's, 75, Toronto; Oxford, 76, Woodstock; Faithful Brethren, 77, Lindsay; St. John's, 81, Mount Brydges; Beaver, 83, Strathroy; Clinton, 84, Clinton; Wilson, 86, Toronto; St. George's, 88, Owen Sound; Manito, 90, Collingwood; Northern Light, 93, Kincardine; St. Mark's, 94, Port Stanley; Corinthian, 101, Peterboro; Maple Leaf, 103, St. Catharines; Maitland, 112, Goderich; Wilson, 113, Waterford; Hope, 114, Port Hope; Warren, 120, Fingal; Doric, 121, Brantford; Golden Rule, 126, Campbellford; St. Lawrence, 131, Southampton; St. Clair, 135, Milton; Pythagoras, 137, Meaford; Lebanon, 139, Oshawa; Tudor, 141, Mitchell; Tecumseh, 144, Stratford; J. B. Hall, 145, Millbrook; Erie, 149, Port Dover; Grand River, 151, Berlin;

Peterboro', 155, Peterboro' ; Forest, 162, Wroxeter ; Burlington, 165, Wellington Square ; Merritt, 168, Welland ; Britannia, 170, Seaforth ; Ayr, 172, Ayr ; Walsingham, 174, Port Rowan ; Speed, 180, Guelph ; Oriental, 181, Port Burwell ; Prince Albert, 183, Port Perry ; Scotland, 193, Scotland ; Petroha, 194, Petrolia ; The Tuscan, 195, London ; Frederick, 217, Delhi ; Stevenson, 218, Toronto ; Zeredatha, 220, Uxbridge ; Norwood, 223, Norwood ; Vienna, 237, Vienna ; Ashlar, 247, Yorkville ; Galt, 257, Galt ; Washington, 260, Petrolia ; Oak Branch, 261, Innerkip ; Parthenon, 267, Chatham ; Cedar, 270, Oshawa ; Robertson, 292, Nobleton ; Temple, 296, St. Catharines ; Preston, 297, Preston ; Minerva, 304, Victoria ; Humber, 305, Weston ; Blackwood, 311, Woodbridge ; Doric, 316, Toronto ; Temple, U. D., Hamilton.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in *Due Form*, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. the Acting Grand Master stated that this Special Communication of Grand Lodge had been convened for the purpose of paying the last sad offices of respect to the remains of the late M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master, who after a brief illness had been called from his labors.

A procession was then formed in accordance with the Book of Constitution.

The pall-bearers were, R. W. Bros. Henry Macpherson, P. G. S. W. ; David Curtis, P. D. D. G. M. ; Otto Klotz, P. D. D. G. M. ; I. P. Willson, P. D. D. G. M. ; H. A. Mackay, P. G. R. ; Chauncy Bennett, D. D. G. M. ; I. F. Toms, P. D. D. G. M. ; and F. Westlake, P. D. D. G. M.

The casket that contained the body was rosewood, with raised glass top, on the plate was engraved,

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON,

GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, A. F. & A. M.,
Judge of the County of Norfolk.

Born, Aug. 24th, A. D. 1813, A. L. 5813. Died, Jan. 16th, A. D. 1875, A. L. 5875.

The remains were clothed in the official dress of the Grand

Master, and on the coffin was placed his regalia and a very handsome wreath of natural flowers, presented by the Hamilton brethren.

After the usual service at the family residence, the procession moved on to Trinity Church, where the service of the Church of England was read by the Rev. Rural Dean Grasett, assisted by Bro. the Rev. W. T. Smithett, of Lindsay.

The procession was then re-formed, and having arrived at St. John's Cemetery, proceeded to the grave in due form.

After the service of the Church of England had been read by the Rev. Rural Dean Grasett, the Masonic burial service was read by the R. W. the Acting Grand Master.

The members of Grand Lodge having returned to the Lodge room,

The Acting Grand Secretary read the following communications :

(From Hon. ISAAC BUCHANAN.)

HAMILTON, January 20th, 1875.

FELLOW MOURNERS,—As the earliest acquaintance and friend in Canada of the late Judge Wilson, I may be allowed to unburden my heart on this mournful occasion, more especially as in doing so I shall but speak the sentiments of the whole of Canada. However much we may appreciate the great and deserved honors to-day heaped on his memory by the Brotherhood of Masons, I feel that the higher brotherhood of man is under even deeper obligations to speak in honor of the deceased, for the memory of the late Mr. Wilson is entitled to even a higher tribute of admiration and love as a loyal subject, a distinguished citizen, and most useful member of society, if his country and Masonry did all they could for him. He did more for them and sacrificed himself for them as few have ever done in any country, in any time. If he was a sample Mason, he was also a sample man, and that too with the disadvantage of his money means not being large enough in proportion to his great heart, as is too often the case in this world. Indeed, were we to guess what Masonry is from its exemplification in the character of our departed friend, we should say that to regard God and goodness to be but synonymous terms, must be the principle of Masonry, a principle common to all good men, whether Masons or not, whatever their ecclesiastical distinctions of name.

I have known the late William Mercer Wilson since ever he came to Canada in 1832. He was then 19 years of age, and I had come to Canada two years previously at the same age. He was a joyous, well-educated youth when he arrived in York, (now called Toronto,) and when I arrived I had been more than four years in a great Mercantile West India House, in Glasgow, and came out as a partner of a branch firm

which had been established in Canada. All present know that if ever the beautiful word "genial" had a truthful application, it was in regard to the character as well as the disposition and manners of our dear departed friend. While a perfect gentleman, he was pre-eminently the kindly Scot. Affection may be pardoned the mistake when in our cemeteries it erects a broken pillar over the grave of one who seems too soon taken away; and certainly our late friend was more full of honors than of years; but it is well said that "in the heraldry of Heaven nothing is great but what is good," and tried by this test, the late Judge Wilson was truly a great man. In fact, we cannot but feel that "take him for all in all, we never shall see his like again," and from the bottom of our souls, alas! alas!

ISAAC BUCHANAN.

(From R. W. Bro. Rev. V. CLEMENTI, Past Grand Chaplain.)

PETERBORO', January 16th, 1875.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am deeply grieved to learn by your telegram, just received, that the G. A. O. T. U. has removed our Grand Master from us. His place will not easily be filled: I do not mean simply as regards the position he held in our Grand Lodge, but in every sphere of life. Of course, when you telegraphed to me, no steps had been taken respecting the funeral. I much fear, however, that it will be out of my power to show my regard and respect for the deceased, by attending his remains to their last resting place in the grave. Irrespective of the difficulty of access from home (for we are thirty miles north of the Grand Trunk at Port Hope, and our roads encumbered with snow drifts), I really do not know how to get to Simcoe, never having been in the neighborhood of that town, and I have three important meetings to attend in Peterboro' on Wednesday. If it had so happened that I filled the office now I held for so many years, of Grand Chaplain, I should have started at once for Toronto, but I imagine that Bro. Innes will have no difficulty in finding his way from London and officiating on the melancholy occasion, whenever the funeral may take place.

Yours fraternally, in haste,

VINCENT CLEMENTI.

To R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Acting Grand Secretary.

The Acting Grand Secretary also announced that telegrams had been received from R. W. Bro. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and R. W. Bro. A. S. Kirkpatrick, to the effect that owing to delays on the Grand Trunk Railway, a large number of brethren, including deputations from Montreal and elsewhere, had missed connection at Toronto; and from M. W. Bros. Harington, Simpson and Dunbar, and R. W. Bros. P. J. Brown, W. R. White, J. W. Pickup, S. B. Harman, Kivas Tully, and V. W. Bro. F. J. Menet, regretting their inability to be present, and also from R. W. Bro. B. J. Curren, Grand Secretary of the Grand

Lodge of Nova Scotia, extending the sympathies of that Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. David McLellan and

Resolved,—That in consideration of the deep feeling of regret at the great loss the Craft has sustained by the death of our esteemed M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, this Grand Lodge expresses the desire that the subordinate Lodges be draped in mourning for the space of ninety days.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. Spry, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. Bennett, and,

Resolved,—That R. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr and J. J. Mason be requested to prepare a resolution of condolence, to be forwarded to the widow and family of our deceased brother.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in *Due Form*.

ATTEST.



J. J. MASON,
Acting Grand Sec.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At a special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Town of Pembroke, on Monday the 24th day of May, A. D. 1875, A. L. 5875.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro.	William R. White,	G. S. W.	as	Grand Master.
V. “	“	A. Irving, Jr.	G. D. of C.	as Dep. Grand Master.
“	“	“	W. H. Supple,	P. G. S. D. as Grand Senior Warden.
“	“	“	J. G. Cormack,	P. G. S. as “ Junior Warden.
	“	“	William Moffat,	as “ Chaplain.
“	“	“	A. Forbes,	as “ Treasurer.
“	“	“	W. R. Thistle,	as “ Registrar.
	“	“	A. Moffat, Jr.	as “ Secretary.
	“	“	P. S. VanCortlandt,	as “ Senior Deacon.
	“	“	E. J. Cushing,	as “ Junior Deacon.
	“	“	J. B. Royce,	as “ Sup't of Works.
“	“	“	James Wright,	as “ Dir. of Cer.
	“	“	William Kennedy,	as “ Ass't D. of Cer.
	“	“	G. Hollinsworth,	as “ Sword Bearer.
	“	“	R. Geo. Scott,	as “ Pursuivant.
	“	“	J. P. Oberg,	as “ Tyler.
	“	“	A. Cameron,	} as Grand Stewards.
	“	“	E. B. Read,	
	“	“	Thos. Knight,	
	“	“	P. H. McIntosh,	
	“	“	Wm. Russell,	
	“	“	R. W. Kenning,	

With a large number of brethren.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in Form at 3.30 P.M. R. W. Bro. White stated that he had been empowered by R. W. the Acting Grand Master, to perform the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Baptist Church, about to be erected in Pembroke.

A procession was formed in accordance with the regulation as laid down in the book of Constitution, and proceeded to the site of the Church, when the Acting Grand Master delivered the following address to the large assemblage of persons who were present to witness the ceremony :

Men, women and children here assembled to-day, know all of you that we are true and lawful Masons, obedient to the laws of our country, and established of old with peace and honor in most countries, and to do good to our brethren, and fellow-men, to assist in the erection of buildings, and to fear God, who is the Great Architect and Ruler of Heaven and Earth. It is true we have among us certain secrets, but these secrets are neither dishonorable nor unlawful—and unless our Craft were good and our calling honest we should not have existed for so many centuries nor numbered among the Craftsmen so many illustrious noble and truly good men ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity.

The true principles of Masonry have ever been open to the study of all, and to-day remain unchanged by the lapse of time, or the assaults of our opponents. Universal Charity is the foundation, morality and virtue the walls, and brotherly love the cement of the Masonic edifice, and while charity, virtue and brotherly love are esteemed among men the edifice cannot crumble to pieces.

From time immemorial it has been customary whenever Masons have been held in good repute to seek their assistance at the erection of buildings of a public character—and on no occasion have Masons more cheerfully rendered such assistance than at the erection of an edifice to be devoted to the worship of God—the promulgation of His just, wise and beneficent laws, and the proclaiming His most inexhaustible mercies.

We have been requested by the clergyman and Building Committee of the Baptist Congregation, to lay the corner-

stone of this Church, and by the direction of the Grand Master, I have convened here to-day a special meeting of Grand Lodge to perform that ceremony according to the Ancient usages and established customs among Masons.

As Masons bound to obey the moral and civil law, to fear God, to honor the Queen and assist in the preservation of peace and good order among men, we feel that it is peculiarly fitting that we should assist at the inception of a building intended for the public worship of the Most High, and the propagation of that religion which bringeth 'peace on earth and goodwill to men.'

Masonry deals not with any particular form of religious belief; claiming only human origin, human aims and purposes, it can at best be but the handmaid of religion, and must perforce by the true Craftsman be held secondary to his religious belief and his obedience to the laws of his country.

To you, Reverend Sir, and the Building Committee of of this Church, I must say that, comparing the smallness of your present congregation with the magnitude of the work you have undertaken, must awaken the highest admiration for the zeal and energy you have displayed in undertaking the erection of this building, which, when completed, will not only be a commodious place of worship, but will also, as I see by the design submitted to me, prove an ornament to the town in whose prosperity we are all so much interested.

We sincerely trust that you may in every way be able fully to carry out your designs, and that this building may ever be a place for good deeds and the promotion of Christianity and brotherly love.

Bro. William Moffat, Acting Grand Chaplain, then offered up a prayer, after which the Acting Grand Secretary, Bro. A. Moffat, read the following scroll :

In the name and by the favor of the

Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth,

ON THE 24TH DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1875,

And in the Thirty-eighth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain; Ireland and the Colonies,

The Right Hon. Sir Frederick Temple, EARL of DUFFERIN, K.P.K.C.B., &c., &c.,
Governor-General of the Dominion,

LIEUT.-GENERAL O'GRADY HALY, being Administrator in the absence of
the Governor-General,

The Honorable DONALD A. MACDONALD,
Being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario,

The Honorable ALEXANDER MACKENZIE,
Being Minister of Public Works and Premier of the Dominion,

William Moffat, Esq., Reeve, and Andrew Irving, jr., William H. Supple, Richard
O'Brien, and J. A. Deslèges, M.D., Councillors of the Village of Pembroke.

The Rev. Alexander Grant, Pastor, and Robert Dow, John Robertson, A. McVean,
R. J. Greenlees, T. Colton, C. D. Wilson and Thomas Little,
Building Committee of the Church.

ARCHITECT AND CONTRACTOR, James Grieve, BUILDERS, Dowsley & O'Brien.

This Corner Stone of the First Baptist Church,

Erected in the Town of Pembroke, was laid by

R. W. Bro. WILLIAM ROBERT WHITE, Esq., Grand Senior Warden,
of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Canada,
Acting Grand Master,

Assisted by

V. W. Bros. A. Irving, jr., as D. G. M., W. H. Supple, as G. S. W.,
and J. G. Cormack as G. J. W.,

And a large concourse of the brethren in accordance with the ceremonies and usages
of the Order,

Which may T. G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper.

MASONIC BODIES IN PEMBROKE.

PEMBROKE LODGE, No. 128, G. R. C.—Officers, W. Bro. A. Ansell, W. M.;
V. W. Bro. A. Irving, jr., G. D. C., I. P. M.; Bro. A. Moffat, jr., S. W.; Bro. Thos.
Knight, J. W.; Bro. R. W. Scott, Sec'y.; and Bro. J. Cockburn, Treas.

PEMBROKE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 58, G. R. C.—Officers, Ex. Comps. W. R.
White, Z.; Wm. H. Supple, H.; A. Irving, jr., J.; A. Moffat, jr., Scribe E.; J.
Cuzner, Scribe N.; J. G. Cormack, P. S.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Which, with copies of the local papers and the current coin
of the Dominion, and other matters enclosed in a box, were
deposited in the cavity of the stone.

Mr. O'Brien, master builder, then handed the Acting Grand
Master a trowel, with which he spread the cement, and the
stone was lowered to its place with the usual ceremonies.

The procession was then re-formed, and returned to the
Masonic Hall.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed
in Form.

ATTEST.



J. J. MASON,
Acting Grand Sec.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Town of Belleville, on Monday, the 31st day of May, A. D. 1875, A. L. 5875.

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier, D. D. G. M.,	as Grand Master.
V. " " Wm. Docter,	as Deputy Grand Master.
" " A. A. Farley,	as " Senior Warden.
" " S. Ross,	as " Junior " "
" " C. E. Clark,	as " Chaplain.
" " J. S. Hurst,	as " Tyler.
" " John Kerr,	as " Registrar.
" " Robert Newbery,	as " Secretary.
" " Robert Stewart,	as " Senior Deacon.
" " Wm. McKeown,	as " Junior " "
" " John Northcott,	as " Supt. of Works.
" " Alfred Ellis,	as " Director of Cer.
" " Karl Kollmer,	as " Organist.
" " George Ross,	as " Sword Bearer.
" " Angus McFee,	as " Pursuivant.
" " Donald Urquhart,	as " Tyler.
" " H. Corby, Jr.,	as
" " James McKay,	as
" " W. H. Atkins,	as
	} " Stewards.

And the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and brethren of various Lodges.

R. W. Bro. Lazier, D. D. G. M., on the assemblage of the brethren at the Masonic Hall, informed them that he had

been deputed by the R. W. the Acting Grand Master to act as his representative on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of St. George's Church, about to be erected in Belleville.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *Form* at 4 o'clock P. M.

A procession was then formed in the order as laid down in the Book of Constitution, under the superintendence of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and proceeded to the site of the proposed building.

On arriving at the site, the brethren opened out in two columns, facing inwards. The Acting Grand Master, preceded by the Standard-bearer and Sword-bearer, and followed by the Acting Grand Officers, took up their proper positions around the foundation-stone, and the remainder of the brethren having formed round them, the Acting Grand Master proceeded to lay the corner-stone in accordance with the accu'somed ceremonies, after which he addressed the assemblage concerning the tenets of Masonry.

The procession was then re-formed, and marched to the Masonic Hall.

The Grand Lodge was closed in *Form* with solemn prayer.

ATTEST.



J. J. MASON,
Acting Grand Sec.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At a special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Town of Walkerton, on Thursday the 1st day of July, A. D. 1875, A. L. 5875.

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. Jas. K. Kerr, D. G. M.	Acting Grand Master.
“ “ “ J. H. Benson, as	Deputy Grand Master.
“ “ H. B. O'Connor, as	Grand Senior Warden.
“ “ R. Hodson, as	“ Junior Warden.
“ “ S. Waldo, as	“ Chaplain.
“ “ Jas. Hargreaves, as	“ Treasurer.
“ “ John Creasor, as	“ Registrar.
“ “ “ J. J. Mason, Acting	“ Secretary.
“ “ Robt. Hunter, as	“ Senior Deacon.
“ “ F. T. Zingg, as	“ Junior Deacon.
“ “ W. Treleaven, as	“ Sup't of Works.
“ “ John S. Tennant, as	“ Dir. of Cer.
“ “ A. Gold, as Asst.	“ Secretary.
“ “ John Eastwood, as “	“ Dir. of Cer.
“ “ John McLaren, as	“ Sword Bearer.
“ “ D. McDonald, as	“ Organist.
“ “ Jabez Stephens, as Asst.	“ Organist.
“ “ John McDonald, as	“ Pursuivant.
“ “ K. M'L. Walton, as	“ Tyler.
“ Thos. Lawrence, as	} “ Stewards.
“ A. C. Clark. as	
“ H. P. Adams, as	
“ A. Butler, as	
“ W. Vollet, as	
“ J. Craig, as	

And about 150 brethren hailing from various Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *Due Form* at noon, in the Lodge room of Saugeen Lodge, 197, and from thence the brethren marched in procession to the site of the new building.

The front of the procession having reached the site of the new building, a halt was made, and the ranks opened out and faced inwards, when the Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, and by John McLay, Esq., and other members of the Board of School Trustees, and by the Rev. John H. Bell, L.L. D., Inspector of Public Schools; passed through to the north-east corner, where a platform has been erected for their convenience.

A prayer having been offered by the Rev. Mr. Bell, the Acting Grand Master delivered the following

ADDRESS.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
NOW ASSEMBLED :

I rejoice to greet this large concourse assembled to give countenance to our proceedings, and to witness the manner in which we shall to-day take the part which our ancient and honorable fraternity has taken in the erection of stately and superb edifices, in ages gone by, from time immemorial.

Know then, that we are all lawful Masons—*free* to discharge our duties to each other and the rest of mankind; *accepted* in those fraternal bonds which in all time have served to unite us together, and to distinguished the members of our Order from the rest of the world; *professing* to fear God, who is the Great Architect and Ruler of the universe, and to honor our beloved Queen—long may she reign over us, happy and glorious: *true* to the laws of our country and to the obligations which are cast upon all good citizens of our happy, united and prosperous Dominion; *prepared* to confer benefits upon all our brethren, and to practice universal benevolence towards the whole family of the human race.

We have, peculiar to our Order, secrets which are withheld from all other men, which no man has ever discovered and that may not be revealed. But whilst we withhold such secrets, be assured that they are lawful, honorable and

instructive, and in testimony of this we can point with confidence to the position which the Craft has ever enjoyed in the estimation of men, and I may boldly claim that if any of our tenets were not lawful, honorable and useful, so many loyal, illustrious and enlightened brethren throughout the length and breadth of the civilized world, would not have been enrolled under our banners; eminent statesmen and distinguished scholars have always been found amongst our numbers, and from the days of the Royal Solomon to the present day, even monarchs distinguished as well for their wisdom as for the propriety of their conduct, have not thought it derogatory to dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel, and to lay aside the robes of royalty for the lambskin apron of a Freemason.

But a few short weeks ago, we witnessed in London, the seat of learning and science, the centre of refinement and civilization, the heart of England which makes the pulse of the whole world to beat, and with its wealth and moral power gives expression to, and furnishes thought for the learned and the active over the face of the habitable globe. In London, I say, only a few weeks since was witnessed one of the most imposing sights, and one of the most interesting ceremonies that it has been the lot of man to take part in, when in the presence of more than 7,000 Freemasons assembled in Albert Hall, the beloved son of our beloved Queen, the Prince of Wales, our future Monarch and our royal brother, was installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England and accepted the duties of that office. Long may he be spared to preside over the Craft in England, and to uphold the principles and tenets of our Order.

It may not be out of place in me, on this occasion, to submit to your consideration three points of view from which Freemasonry may be considered and appreciated:

1. As common ground for men of different views and different opinions; as common ground upon which no matter how wide the difference in other topics, we can all meet together and agree.

2. As an institution of a moral nature, whose foundation is the moral law of the Great Law-giver; an institution inculcating the practice of every social and moral virtue.

3. As a great philanthropical institution whose tenets find their most useful and most active expression in deeds of charity and labors of love.

Firstly.—As common ground for men of opposing views and different opinions.

It is one of the special characteristics of Freemasonry that it affords a *harbor of refuge—sacred ground*—a wide and peaceful platform, upon which may gather those who differ almost on every other subject outside the Lodge.

We cannot mix much in the world, or come in contact with our fellow-men without being made conscious that many severances sever us, and many divisions divide us from one another in our daily life. There are distinctions and differences in religious matters, in political affairs, in national, social and even in our business relations; from one cause or another such causes of separation and estrangement, such distinctions and differences are encountered by all and affect us in a variety of ways. But within the walls of our Lodge room such distinctions cease, and such differences are practically unknown. Within the sacred precincts of our Lodge, no matter how fiercely, how hotly, or how keenly the contest may have been waged without, the voice of political animosity has never been heard, and even the zeal of religious fanaticism has abated, and religious controversy has been stilled by the influence of Freemasonry; and those who have differed so widely have recognized the sacred ties which bound them together in the bonds of fraternal regard. In the Lodge room all social distinctions cease, for we “meet upon the level and part upon the square.”

Secondly.—Freemasonry is a moral institution, inculcating the practice of every social and moral virtue.

It is not religious, nor does it aim to take the place of religion; but it has been justly denominated the handmaid of religion. Its unchanging watchwords are brotherly love, relief and truth, and from the time of admission into the Order to the closing hour of work, from first to last, it, in clear and touching tones, in notes of no uncertain sound, reminds us of our moral duty, admonishes us to observe a moral life, and presents the end of all things here below and the necessity of living prepared for the life to come.

Sending us the Bible, always open at our meetings, it teaches us to be good husbands, good fathers, good sons, good members of society, good citizens, and to discharge aright all our duties, whether of a public or a private nature, with fervency and zeal.

Thirdly.—As a great philanthropical institution, Freemasonry is perhaps best known to those who have not been admitted to the Order, and I do not hesitate to declare that Freemasonry may well claim the approval of all men for the manner in which it seeks in the pursuit of the divine mission of charity, to succour those of its members whom sickness or calamity has reduced to poverty or distress. May it ever be unchanging, and amid all the changes and chances of this mortal life, may it never fail to relieve the distressed, to aid the infirm, to support the weak, to care for the aged, to watch over the orphan, and to cause the widow's heart to sing for joy.

The day in which we live is one which may justly be characterized an age of improvement—the rapid strides of science and the great developments of the material resources at the command of man must forcibly arrest the attention of all thoughtful minds when so directed, and in no part of the civilized world has more rapid progress been made than in our own fair Dominion, and may I go farther and say that no part of Canada has made greater progress than this section of country—a few score years since the wilds of Canada and the hunting ground of the redman, a score of years ago the home of the pioneer, then quickly followed a hurried settlement, with the rude structures of the back country, and in the few years of prosperity which has attended the settler, wide fields and broad acres have been brought beneath the influence of cultivation, and waving corn and ripening grain give convincing proof of the industry of the people, the energy of the settler, and the general halo of prosperity which surrounds you.

As a nation, we have reason to be proud of much; as a people, we have much to be thankful for; but, perhaps of all the advantages we as a people possess, of all the national enterprise which we have shown, we have more reason to be proud of and to value the educational system in our midst and the educational advantages afforded to our youth. In this matter we may with safety challenge comparison with any people in the world. We have schools in our towns and villages, schools in townships and concession lines, schools in our cities and large centres, and free to all; schools for the farmer's child, schools for the mechanic's child, schools for the tradesman's family, and schools for the wealthy, and all *free*. The free school system is a great bounty to any land; but to a people such as we are, largely

composed of the immigrant classes of all countries, an industrious people, an advancing people, in a land where every honor and office is open to all, where no class distinction is a barrier to advancement, and where each must carve out his own future and fortune—I say, in such a land, with such a population, a school system such as ours is the greatest boon that can be conferred upon an intelligent people.

Then we have *high colleges* and *colleges* and *schools of practical and theoretical sciences*, presided over by men of learning, and *universities* under the direction of scholars of world-wide celebrity, from which, year by year, in large numbers, young men come forth to diffuse throughout the length and breadth of the land the education and information which they have thus been enabled to acquire.

I rejoice to find that this community is alive to the importance of education, and of the advantages to themselves and their children which will ensue from its furtherance. And I see in the undertaking which is now being commenced, an earnest that the people of Walkerton are determined not to be left behind other towns in securing for their youth the benefits of a good education.

I congratulate the people of this town upon the spirit and enterprise which they have shown in undertaking the erection of the large building now about to be erected on this site. I trust that it will answer all the purposes for which it is designed, and as such will prove a great convenience and advantage to the citizens of Walkerton and its vicinity, and that it will also, in architectural design and completeness of arrangements, not be surpassed by many, at all events, in the Province, and that it may prove a great ornament to this busy, rapidly increasing, and prosperous town; and I congratulate this community upon the marked progress of your beautiful town since I was last amongst you, about five years ago.

I cannot conclude without a few words of reference to the day on which we inaugurate the work now to be commenced—on the anniversary of the natal day of our fair Dominion, when the scattered provinces under British rule on this continent were banded together into one country and were formed into one common people, not by the power of a bloody war, not by the force of a dominant power, but by the spontaneous action of a free and enlightened people—by the consent of all, and with the aid and co-operation,

and, I may add, the blessing of the mother-land. The union of Canada was the signal for her marked prosperity, and she is now recognized as a powerful nation, with a territory extending from the Atlantic on the east to the Pacific on the west, possessing the advantages of situation, a fertile soil, capable of producing the most valuable staple products in demand, rich with mineral and forest wealth, with a population of nearly 5,000,000 souls, intelligent, industrious, active, energetic, moral and religious. Surely no one can wonder that we are conscious of an inward might and proud of our present and our future. May the Great Architect of the Universe pour down His richest blessings upon our loved land; may the bonds of loyalty to the dear old land across the seas be strengthened, and bind us year by year closer in our attachment to the crown of England; may the dear old flag long wave over us; and may the Almighty bless our sovereign the Queen, guard, guide and comfort her; may brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.

We will now proceed to lay the foundation-stone, according to ancient custom.

Bro. Waldo, Acting Grand Chaplain, then offered up the following prayer:

Great Architect of the Universe! Maker and Ruler of all Worlds! deign from Thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this and all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O, Thou author of life and light! Great source of love and happiness! to erect this building, so that hereafter it may be useful for the important purposes for which it is intended. Glory be to God on High!

Response—As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be.

R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Acting Grand Secretary, then read the scroll, as also a list of the various newspapers, coins, etc., which were deposited in the cavity of the stone.

John McLay, Esq., Chairman of the Board, then presented a beautiful trowel to the Acting Grand Master, who ex-

pressed his great gratification at receiving so handsome an implement.

The cement having been spread, the upper stone was lowered with three halts, at which intervals the band played bars of the National Anthem. When it had been guided into its place, the Grand Junior Warden applied the plumb-rule, the Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Deputy Grand Master the square; and they having reported that the stone was just, true, and properly laid, the Grand Master said: "Having full confidence in your skill in our royal art, it remains for me to finish the work." He then struck the stone three times with the gavel and said: "*Well made, truly laid, true and trusty*; may this undertaking be conducted and completed by the craftsmen according to the grand plan, in Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love."

As they were handed to him, he poured out the customary libations, saying: "I strew corn upon the stone as an emblem of Plenty; I pour wine on it as the emblem of Cheerfulness; and I annoint it with oil as the emblem of Comfort and Consolation. May corn, wine, and oil, and all the necessaries of life, abound among men throughout life, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice, and all connected with it."

Response—So mote it be.

The working tools and plans having been handed to the Acting Grand Master, he presented them to the contractor, saying: "The foundation-stone of this building being now laid, I present you the implements applied to it, also the plans, in full confidence that, as a skilful and faithful workman, you will use them in such a manner that the building may arise in order, harmony and beauty, being perfected in beauty and strength, that it may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit and the satisfaction and honor of those who have selected you for the work."

He also addressed the Trustees as follows: "Having completed our work according to the ancient usages of Free-

masonry, we offer you our congratulations and transfer the building to you for completion, having no doubt that as it has happily been begun, it will be carried on, by God's will, to a happy ending."

After a few eloquent remarks from the Rev. Mr. Bell, three cheers were given for the Queen, and also for the Acting Grand Master, proposed by the Chairman of the Board.

The procession then re-formed and returned to the Lodge room.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in Due Form.

ATTEST.



J. J. MASON,
Acting Grand Sec.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Town of Pembroke, on Saturday, the 10th day of July, A. L. 5875, A. D. 1875.

PRESENT.

V. W. Bro. A. Irving, jr., G. D. C., as Grand Master.	
“ “ “ J. G. Cormack, P. G. S., as Deputy Grand Master.	
“ “ “ A. Forbes, as	Grand Senior Warden.
“ “ “ J. Wright, as	“ Junior Warden.
“ “ “ T. Deacon, as	“ Chaplain.
“ “ “ J. Cockburn, as	“ Treasurer.
“ “ “ A. Moffat, jr., as	“ Secretary.
“ “ “ T. Knight, as	“ Senior Deacon.
“ “ “ T. Lloyd, as	“ Junior Deacon.
“ “ “ W. H. Douglas, as	“ Sword Bearer.
“ “ “ J. P. Oberg, as	“ Tyler.
“ “ “ J. Leach, as	} “ Stewards.
“ “ “ R. W. Kenning, as	
“ “ “ A. Millar, as	
“ “ “ A. Gordon, as	
“ “ “ G. Sayer, as	
“ “ “ C. Canwith, as	
“ “ “ D. B. Warren, as	
“ “ “ E. B. Read, as	
“ “ “ W. Beamish, as	
“ “ “ N. Eggleston, as	

The Grand Lodge having been opened in Form.

The Acting Grand Master announced that this Special Communication had been summoned for the purpose of

laying the corner stone of the public school of the town of Pembroke.

A procession was formed in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Book of Constitution, and proceeded to the site of the new School Building.

The Acting Grand Master having ascended the platform addressed the assemblage as follows :

Men, women and children here assembled to-day, know all of you that we are true and lawful Masons, obedient to the laws of our country, and established of old in most countries to do good to our brethren and fellow men, to assist upon occasions such as the present in the erection of buildings, and to honor and fear God, who is the Great Architect of the Universe.

From the peculiar nature and traditions of our institution it has been deemed necessary that a certain portion of our proceedings, rites and ceremonies should be guarded from the uninitiated, in other words that we should possess secrets and mysteries which become known only after the sacred veil between the Lodge and the world is lifted to admit the searcher after knowledge and light. That these secrets encroach neither upon the laws of God or man, can be amply proved where it is considered that at all times from the dim ages of the past, down to the present enlightened period, Masonry has numbered among its members the best, the noblest and the most accomplished of all nations, while the fact that it has withstood alike the attacks of the despot and bigot, and to-day stands upon a firmer and more secure foundation than any institution of its kind, proves conclusively that our institution rests upon a basis approved by God and honored by men.

We do not hold that the continued and increasing prosperity of Masonry is due to the secrets and mysteries we preserve amongst ourselves, nor do we maintain that to the countenance of the great and noble of the land is our institution indebted for the proud position it occupies ; but what we as Masons do hold, is that, to the excellent tenets of our Order, and to the beautiful and moral teachings of our ceremonies and charges are we indebted under the blessing and direction of our Divine Master for the honorable and respected place we as Masons occupy in the world's great society, and in the hearts and minds of all liberal men.

These teachings and the objects of our Order we have never attempted, nor do we desire to keep secret. Our teachings are to be found in the Holy Writ, and our mission on earth is to care for the sick, to succor and comfort the needy, to preserve the moral foundation of the country where we re-side, and to draw around society a golden chain of brotherly love, relief and truth, and withal to endeavour to disseminate knowledge and light amongst our fellow creatures. This is our mission—this is our glorious charter—a charter which has come down from the days of the Temple unsullied and unscathed, and which we hope to yield up on that great day of reckoning as spotless and pure as when our Great Grand Master, King Solomon, transcribed it in letters of gold thousands of years ago.

From time immemorial, it has been customary wherever Masons have been held in good repute, to seek their assistance at the erection of buildings of a public character, and on no occasion are we more willing to accord that assistance than at the erection of two such edifices as have this spring and summer been dedicated to their respective objects in our thriving town, by the Grand Lodge of Canada; I allude to the church, the corner stone of which was laid by the Grand Senior Warden, on the 24th of last May, and to the edifice, the corner stone of which we are, at the request of the Board of Education of the town of Pembroke, about to lay with the customary ceremonies; and for so doing I have, by the direction of the Acting Grand Master, convened here to day this special meeting of Grand Lodge. We are, I say, particularly willing to assist at the erection of two such buildings, the one dedicated to the teaching of God's Holy Word and to the beautifying of that immortal part of man, the soul; the present edifice to be devoted to the teaching of that language wherewith we lift our voices in praise and prayer, and to the moulding and polishing of that other divine element of man—the mind. As Masons, we profess first of all, to require that every candidate for our mysteries should be a just and upright man, of good morals, sound judgment and under the tongue of good report; but we also require that those who wish to join our assemblies should be men possessed of a fair education. In fact, one of our leading charges contains the injunction, "you are expected to make the liberal arts and sciences your constant study." And to an educated person Masonry presents greater beauties, and for him the study of its many traditions has a greater charm than for the brother who has not had an opportunity of polishing

and adorning the temple of the mind. To me the present occasion is a peculiarly happy one. When I look around and see the massive foundation upon which it is intended to erect this seminary of learning, I can hardly credit the fact, that I, myself, received the first rudiments of my mother tongue in a log school house, the site of which is within view of where I now stand. Naturally my mind reverts to those happy days, and notwithstanding the fact that the learning we then received was "weel whapped in wi' the taws," still, I think of those moments but to regret that they are passed. It is satisfactory to know that our town is improving so rapidly, and it is doubly satisfactory to know that while our citizens are embellishing the town by erecting for themselves habitations of brick and stone, they still cheerfully contribute their tithe toward the erection of buildings to be devoted to the service of God and the culture of the young.

Did I not fear that I was detaining you too long, and were I equal to the task, it would properly be my duty to revert to the school system which at present prevails in our Province. It may, however, be sufficient for me to observe that like all our other public institutions, it is the best in the world. All classes, creeds and nationalities are permitted to receive education and instruction, and while cultivating and adorning the mind of the youth of our land, the particular creed or nationality of the pupil is sacredly considered and respected.

Although a young country, we have every reason to look forward to a bright and prosperous future. With an educated and intelligent young springing up, a healthy and enlightened state of morality is sure to be infused amongst the natives of other lands, who are daily seeking and finding in this Canada of ours, a home and a competence.

In conclusion, we tender you our sincere thanks for the honor you have done the Craft in this town, by asking our aid in the completion of your work; while, at the same time, we cannot but congratulate the town upon its good fortune in having so competent and liberal-minded a Board of Trustees to manage its educational interests, and to train up the young in the way they should go.

We sincerely trust that the building begun under such favorable auspices, may reach a successful completion; and that from its classic walls may go forth youths, whose names

may be handed down to posterity as accomplished scholars, and may we add, good men and women.

Bro. T. Deacon, Acting Grand Chaplain, then offered up a prayer suitable to the occasion.

The Acting Grand Secretary, Bro. A. Moffat, read the inscription on the scroll to be deposited in the cavity of the stone; the same being beautifully engrossed on parchment, as follows:

In the name and by the favor of the
Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth,

ON THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, A. D. 1875,

And in the Thirty-ninth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Colonies;

The Right Hon. Sir Frederick Temple, EARL OF DUFFERIN, K. P. K. C. B., &c., &c. ;
Governor-General of the Dominion,

LIEUT.-GENERAL O'GRADY HALY, being Administrator in the absence of
the Governor-General.

The Honorable DONALD A. MACDONALD,
Being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Honorable ALEXANDER MACKENZIE,
Being Minister of Public Work and Premier of the Dominion.

R. W. Bro. J. K. KERR, Acting G. M. ; R. W. Bro. W. R. WHITE, G. S. W. ; and
R. W. Bro. H. MURRAY, G. J. W. , of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

William Moffat, Esq., Reeve; and Andrew Irving, Jr., William H. Supple, Richard
O'Brien, and J. A. Desloges, M. D., Councillors of the Village of Pembroke.

Bro. John McDonald, Contractor; Mr. John Mitchell, Architect.

David Bell, Esq., Chairman; A. Thomson, Sec'y-Treas.; and A. Irving, Sr., William
Moffat, W. A. Hunter, R. Deane, J. P. Millar, J. Leach, E. Clarke, D. C.
Chamberlain, H. H. Loucks. Members of the Board of Education.

J. M. Glenn, Head Master; and F. G. Lett, Miss Gray and Miss M. Thomson,
Assistant Teachers of the Pembroke Public School. †

This Corner Stone of the Pembroke Public School,

Was laid by

V. W. Bro. A. IRVING, G. D. C., as Grand Master;
assisted by

V. W. Bro. J. G. Cormack, as D. G. M. ; A. S. Forbes, as G. S. W. ; and
W. Bro. James Wright, as G. J. W.

In accordance with the usages and ceremonies of the Order,
Which may T. G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper.

MASONIC BODIES IN PEMBROKE.

PEMBROKE LODGE, No 128, G. R. C.—Officers, W. Bro. A. Ansell, W. M. ;
V. W. Bro. A. Irving, J. P. M. ; Bro. A. Moffat, S. W. ; Bro. J. Knight, J. W. ; Bro.
J. Cockburn, treas. ; Bro. R. G. Scott, Sec'y.

PEMBROKE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 58, G. R. C.—Officers, Ex-Comps. W. R. White, Z. ;
W. H. Supple, H. ; A. Irving, J. ; A. Moffat, Scribe E. ; J. Cuzner, Scribe N. ;
J. G. Cormack, P. S.

The stone was then lowered to its place with the usual ceremonies.

The procession then re-formed and returned to the Lodge room.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in Form.

ATTEST.



J. J. MASON,
Acting Grand Sec.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the City Hall, in the City of London, commencing on Wednesday, the 14th day of July, A. D. 1875, A. L. 5875.

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro.	James K. Kerr, D. G. M.,	Acting Grand Master.
" " "	W. R. White,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	Hugh Murray,	" Junior "
" " "	Rev. V. Clementi, as	" Chaplain.
" " "	Otto Klotz, as	" Treasurer.
" " "	D. McG. Malloch,	" Registrar.
" " "	J. J. Mason,	Acting " Secretary.
V. " "	F. J. Menet,	" Senior Deacon.
" " "	George S. Birrell,	" Junior "
" " "	C. R. Smith, as	" Supt. of Works.
" " "	Andrew Irving, Jr.,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " "	F. R. Despard,	Asst. " Secretary.
" " "	R. Brierley, as	Asst. " Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " "	J. M. Clement,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	C. A. Sippi,	" Organist.
" " "	Hugh Kerr,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	James Heron,	" Tyler.
" " "	James Sutton,	} Grand Stewards.
" " "	Isaac Waterman,	
" " "	R. Rochester,	
" " "	Josiah Corlis,	
" " "	E. Peplow, Jr.,	
" " "	T. F. Blackwood,	
" " "	John Gibson,	
" " "	A. Hudspeth,	
" " "	J. Scarff, as	
" " "	John Kerr, as	
" " "	W. L. P. Eager, as	

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“ “ “ J. B. Traves,	Ontario “
“ “ “ S. S. Lazier,	P. Edward “
“ “ “ A. S. Kirkpatrick,	St. Lawr'nce “
“ “ “ J. W. Pickup,	Ottawa “

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- M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Representative of the Grand Orient of Brazil, and the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and Minnesota.
- M. W. Bro. James Seymour, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.
- R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Texas and Utah.
- R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, Representative of the Grand Orient of Uruguay.
- R. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York.
- R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, Representative of the Grand Orient of Chili.
- R. W. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Michigan.
- R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.
- R. W. Bro. W. H. Frazer, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

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R. “ “ J. A. Henderson,	P. D. D. G. M.

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" "	E. Mitchell,	"
" "	J. E. Harding,	"
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" "	Robert Kemp,	"
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" "	Otto Klotz,	"
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" "	E. J. Sisson,	"
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" "	Allan McLean,	"
" "	M. Crombie,	P. G. J. W.
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" "	Walter Chatfield,	P. G. S. of W.
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" "	Thos. Winnett.	" "	W. Thornton.
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	“ “ R. King.	R.	“ “ Wm. McCabe.
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	“ “ A. M. Hood.	R.	“ “ T. Matheson.
	“ “ D. McMillan.	V.	“ “ John Gibson.
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	“ “ “ John King.		“ “ A. K. Aylsworth.
R.	“ “ V. Clementi.		“ “ Peter Lawson.
	“ “ F. W. H. C. Jarvis.		“ “ Wm. Hendry.
	“ “ J. M. Banghart.	R.	“ “ Chas. Hendry.
	“ “ Geo. Norton.	V.	“ “ James Sutton.
	“ “ James O'Connor.		“ “ John Fisher.
R.	“ “ D. B. Burch.		“ “ A. L. Willson.
	“ “ W. L. Odell,		“ “ I. Danks.
	“ “ S. D. Brown.		“ “ W. Smith.
R.	“ “ I. F. Toms.		“ “ R. Hodgson.
	“ “ A. McMichael.		“ “ Donald Ross.
	“ “ Lewis Beam.	R.	“ “ J. H. Benson.
R.	“ “ Robt. Kemp.		“ “ H. L. Vercoe.
	“ “ Jas. W. Holwell.		“ “ A. H. Kay.
	“ “ J. St. Clair		“ “ F. A. Henderson.
	“ “ J. W. Miller.		“ “ A. Fraser.
	“ “ Thos. Ferguson.		“ “ W. S. Edge.
R.	“ “ W. R. White.		“ “ E. B. Butterworth
V.	“ “ A. Irving, jr.		“ “ Thos. Boon.
	“ “ M. Eacrett.	V.	“ “ Chas. Sharpe.
	“ “ T. W. Broderick.	V.	“ “ W. L. P. Eager.
	“ “ R. M. Revell.		“ “ G. C. Patterson.
V.	“ “ John Midgely.		“ “ Jas. B. Nixon.
	“ “ Geo. W. Morgan.	V.	“ “ Hugh Kerr.
	“ “ John Bishop.		“ “ R. A. Woodcock.
	“ “ Wm. Young.	R.	“ “ J. E. Harding.
	“ “ Wm. Benson.	V.	“ “ H. F. Sharp.
R.	“ “ L. H. Henderson		“ “ D. H. Harrison.
	“ “ Jesse Martin.		“ “ David Fink.
	“ “ Wm. Weir.	V.	“ “ F. J. Menet.

	W. Bro. J. A. McKenzie.		W. Bro. Chas. Beard.
R.	" " Geo. Masson.		" " A. W. Francis.
	" " John Brown.	V.	" " A. Hudspeth.
	" " J. C. Macfadden.		" " Wm. Norris.
	" " Wm. Brown.		" " Geo. Mansfield.
	" " James Hoey.	R.	" " W. D. McGloghlon.
R.	" " E. C. Barber.		" " W. D. Hammond.
"	" " E. Mitchell.		" " W. T. Lockhart.
"	" " Hugh Murray.	R.	" " Geo. Billington.
	" " Wm. Reid.		" " H. G. Lindsay.
R.	" " D. E. Broderick.		" " Joseph Clark.
"	" " J. W. Pickup.		" " W. W. Hoare.
V.	" " C. A. Sippi.	R.	" " D. M. Malloch.
"	" " W. Carey.		" " Geo. C. Moore.
	" " J. H. Flock.	R.	" " Henry Macpherson.
	" " John Overell,		" " John Creasor,
V.	" " R. Lewis.	R.	" " Henry Robertson.
	" " John Ferguson.		" " J. D. Henderson.
"	" " H. A. Baxter.		" " N. S. McCall.
	" " C. A. Conover.	R.	" " C. Bennett.
V.	" " W. D. Hepburn.	M.	" " A. A. Stevenson.
"	" " J. S. Tennant.		" " A. E. Barclay.
	" " James Somerville.		" " John Edgcombe.
	" " R. A. Weir.		" " Wm. Caw.
	" " Jas. B. Campbell.	V.	" " J. H. Teall.
	" " Jas. Campbell.	M.	" " E. E. Kitchen.
V.	" " G. S. Birrell.		" " B. L. Chipman.
	" " A. G. Smyth.		" " W. C. Pridham.
	" " H. Waterman.		" " S. Woods.
R.	" " Jas. Moffatt.		" " C. W. Bunting.
	" " J. G. Cooper.		" " C. F. H. Forbes.
	" " John McLaren.		" " E. Lounsbury.
	" " John Ormiston.		" " David Trotter.
	" " Wm. Morton.		" " Robert Stark.
	" " D. McPhail.		" " Alex. Irvine.
	" " Thos. Peel.		" " C. A. Jones.
	" " Wm. Matheson.		" " James Broddy.
	" " Edward Roblin.	V.	" " W. Dewar.

	W. Bro. J. C. Ross.		W. Bro. Isaac Huber.
	" " J. G. Burns.		" " A. Williams.
	" " Geo. Chanter.		" " C. W. Hayden.
	" " J. R. Barber.		" " J. D. McLeay.
	" " J. M. Dunn.		" " E. R. Sheply.
	" " John Dale.		" " Alfred Jones.
	" " Robt. Brown.	R,	" " Otto Klotz.
V.	" " E. McKay.		" " J. D. Miller.
	" " John Chapman.		" " J. Corlis.
	" " M. Forster.		" " John Varcoe.
	" " Wm. Wilson.		" " K. M. Walton.
V.	" " T. F. Blackwood.		" " J. A. Hoshal.
	" " J. V. Hoover.		

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon all the proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was opened in due *Due Form* at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, appointed R. W. Bros. J. B. Traves and Allan McLean, V. W. Bro. G. S. Birrell, and W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, a Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present, viz.:

- No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. John M. Clement, Proxy; M. W. Bro. James Seymour, P. M.
- No. 3. *The Ancient St. John's Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*
Bro. C. H. Corbett, S.W.; R. W. Bros. James A. Henderson, P. M.; Alex. S. Kirkparick, P. M.; W. Bro. Jas. Wilson, P.M.
- No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
W. Bro. Charles Davidson, W. M.; Bro Wm. Gibson, S. W.; Bro. James F. McClure, J. W.; R. W. Bros. T. C. Macnab, P.M.; H. A. MacKay, P. M.; John W. Murton, P.M.; V. W. Bros. W. T. Munday, P. M.; Richard Brierley, P.M.; W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, P. M.
- No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby, Ont.*
W. Bros. Joseph Chambers, W. M.; Wm. Forbes, P. M.

- No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee, Ont.*
W. Bros. William Robinson, W. M.; G. A. Wright, P. M.
- No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, Ont.*
Bro. D. Scott, S. W.
- No. 11. *Moirs Lodge, Belleville, Ont.*
R. W. Bros S. S. Lazier, W. M.; E. J. Sisson, P. M.
- No. 14. *True Britons' Lodge, Perth, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Lawson, W. M.
- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*
W. Bro. Wm. Dougan, W. M.; V. W. Bro. Walter Chatfield, P. M.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
W. Bro Andrew Smith, W. M ; Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, S.W.;
R. W. Bros. James Bain, P. M.; S. B. Harman, P. M.; V. W.
Bro. George Hodgetts, P. M.
- No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, Ont.*
R. W. Bros. W. H. Weller, P. M; J. B. Trayes, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward Lodge, Picton, Ont.*
W. Bro. Donald Ross, W. M.; Bro. J. R. Spencer, S. W.
- No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London, Ont.*
W. Bro. H. L. Kifner, W. M ; Bro. J. Wright, S. W.; W. Bros.
Thomas Winnett, P. M.; R. Luxton, P. M.; W. McBride,
P. M.; Robt. Wallace, P. M.; R. Booth, P. M ; M. D. Dawson,
P. M.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
Bros. W. J. Hambly, S. W.; S. R. Richardson, J. W.; R. W.
Bro. Daniel Spry, P. M.; W. Bro. James Norris, P. M.
- No. 24. *St. Francis Lodge, Smith's Falls, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Johnston, W. M.
- No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
Bro. John G. Robinson, S. W.; R. W. Bros. R. P. Stephens,
P. M.; Marcellus Crombie, P. M.; V. W. Bro. J. F. Lash,
P. M.; W. Bro. A. R. Boswell, P. M.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. H. Helm, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes, P. M.;
V. W. Bro. E. Peplow, Jr. P. M.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
W. Bro. Robert A. Hutch son, W. M.; Bro. John Henery, S.W.;
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, P. M.; V. W. Bro. F. R. Despard, P.M.
- No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. E. Fife, W. M.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, Ont.*
W. Bro. George H. Dartnell, P. M. Proxy.

- No. 31. *Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, Ont.*
Bro. R. D. Foley, J. W.
- No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunnville, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. Fry, W. M.; Bros. E. H. Long, S. W. M. A.
Stevens, J. W.
- No. 33. *Goderich Lodge, Goderich, Ont.*
W. Bro. H. H. Smith, W. M.
- No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg, Ont.*
Bro. F. J. Maloney, S. W.
- No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, Ont.*
W. Bros. J. Mitchell, W. M.; J. Hursell, P. M.
- No. 36. *Welland Lodge, Fonthill, Ont.*
W. Bro. C. B. Crow, W. M.
- No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll Ont.*
W. Bro. C. H. Slawson, W. M.; Bro. George C. Easton, S. W.;
R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, P. M.; W. Bro. Chas. H. Sorley, P.M.
- No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. J. Murray, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell, P.M.
- No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
W. Bro. Donald McPhie, W. M.; Bro. John Malloy, J. W.;
V. W. Bro. C. R. Smith, P. M.; W. Bro. John W. Kerr, P.M.
- No. 41. *St. George's Lodge, Kingsville, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. Edward Allworth, W. M.
- No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Green, W. M.; William Fleming, S. W.;
R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, P. M.; V. W. Bro. Isaac Waterman,
P. M.; W. Bros. W. Thornton, P. M.; William Skinner, P.M.
- No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock. Ont.*
W. Bro. R. M. Revell, W. M.; Bro. G. C. Eden, S. W.; V. W.
Bro. James S. Scarff, P. M.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas, Ont.*
Bros. Robert McCully, S. W.; Robert Mackay, J. W.; V. W.
Bro. John Midgley, P. M.; W. Bro. G. W. Moigan, P. M.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Bishop, W. M.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*
Bro. Michael Houston, S. W.; W. Bro. William Young, P.M.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor, Ont.*
W. Bro. Thomas Burnie, W. M.; Bro. S. Blanning, J. W.;
W. Bro. William Benson, P. M.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, Ont.*
E. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, P. M., Proxy.

- No. 52. *Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. C. S. Scott, W. M.
- No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple, Ont.*
W. Bro. Jesse Martin, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 55. *Merrickville Lodge, Merrickville, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Weir, W. M.
- No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, Ont.*
W. Bros. William Taylor, W. M.; John A. Mackenzie, P. M.;
R. W. Bro. George Masson, P. M.
- No. 57. *Harmony Lodge, Binbrook, Ont.*
W. Bros. William Brown, P. M., Proxy; John Brown, P. M.,
James Hoey, P. M.
- No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Kerr, W. M.
- No. 59. *Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
Bro. C. S. Shaw, J. W.; R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, P. M.
- No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton.*
Bro. James Widger, S. W.; R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, P. M.;
W. Bro. William Reid, P. M.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.*
R. W. Bro. D. E. Broderick, W. M.
- No. 63. *St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place.*
R. W. Bro. John W. Pickup, P. M., proxy.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London.*
V. W. Bro. C. A. Sippi, W. M.; Bros. A. Grant, Sr., S. W.;
Thos. Brocke, J. W.; V. W. Bros. W. Carey, P. M.; John R.
Peel, P. M.; R. Lewis, P. M.; J. H. Flock, P. M.; W. Bros. John
Overell, P. M.; John Ferguson, P. M.; H. A. Baxter, P. M.;
C. A. Conover, P. M.
- No. 65. *Rehoboam Lodge, Toronto.*
W. Bro. George C. Patterson, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Daniel
Spry, P. M.; W. Bro. James B. Nixon, P. M.;
- No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle.*
W. Bro. D. McNaughton, W. M.
- No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll.*
W. Bro. John Kerr, W. M.; V. W. Bro. Hugh Kerr, P. M.; W.
Bro. R. A. Woodcock, P. M.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt.*
W. Bro. Adam Cranston, P. M., proxy.
- No. 73. *St. James's Lodge, St. Mary's.*
W. Bro. Wm. Tytler, W. M.; Bro. A. Carman, S. W.; R. W.
Bro. John E. Harding, P. M.; V. W. Bro. H. F. Sharp, P. M.;
W. Bro. D. H. Harrison, P. M.

- No. 74. *St. James' Lodge, Maidland.*
W. Bro. David Fink, P. M., proxy.
- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto.*
V. W. Bro. Fred. J. Menet, P. M., proxy.
- No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock.*
W. Bro. Joseph Rippon, W. M.; Bros. H. J. Finkle, S. W.;
Thos. D. Watson, J. W.; W. Bros. Chas. L. Beard, P. M.; A.
W. Francis, P. M.
- No. 77. *Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay.*
V. W. Bro. Adam Hudspeth, P. M., proxy.
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburg.*
W. Bros. T. B. Bain, W. M.; Wm. Forbes, P. M.
- No. 79. *Simcoe Lodge, Bradford.*
R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, proxy.
- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury, Ont.*
W. Bro. George Mansfield, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. D. McGlogh-
lon, P. M.; W. Bro. W. D. Hammond, P. M.
- No. 81. *St. John's Lodge, Mount Brydges, Ont.*
W. Bro. H. G. Lindsay, W. M.; Bro. James Gamble, J. W.;
R. W. Bro. George Billington, P. M.; W. Bro. Joseph Clark, P. M.
- No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris, Ont.*
W. Bro. C. Flanagan, W. M.; Bro. J. Morrison, J. W.;
- No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. Jamieson, W. M.; Bro. C. Mole, S. W.; W. Bro. W.
W. Hoare, P. M.
- No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton, Ont.*
W. Bro. R. A. Barton, W. M.; Bro. George Glasgow, S. W.;
R. W. Bro. D. McG. Malloch, P. M.
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
W. Bro. George C. Moore, W. M.
- No. 88, *Markham Union Lodge, Markham, Ont.*
W. Bro. John R. Hall, W. M.
- No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound, Ont.*
W. Bro. Richard Trotter, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson,
P. M.; W. Bro. John Creasor, P. M.
- No. 89. *King Hiram Lodge, Lindsay, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. E. Peplow, Jr., Proxy.
- No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood.*
R. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson, P. M.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne.*
W. Bros. E. B. Hinman, W. M.; J. D. Henderson, P. M.

- No. 92. *Cataragui Lodge, Kingston.*
Bro. George Carruthers, J. W.
- No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine.*
Bro. David Small, S. W.
- No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley.*
W. Bro. N. S. McCall, P. M., proxy.
- No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Oterville.*
Bro. H. Z. Watts, S. W.; R. W. Bro. C. Bennett, P. M.
- No. 96. *Corinthian Lodge, Barrie, Ont.*
W. Bro. R. King, P. M.
- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon, Ont.*
W. Bro. Henry Mosier, W. M.
- No. 98. *True Blue Lodge, Albion, Ont.*
W. Bro. Thomas Sargant Proxy.
- No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. M. Hood, P. M.
- No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas, Ont.*
W. Bro. D. McMillan, W. M.; Bro. John Burbank, J. W.;
V.W. Bro. F. H. L. Staunton, P.M., W. Bro. John King, P.M.
- No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro', Ont.*
Bro. Robert W. Smylie, J. W.; R. W. Bro. V. Clementi, P.M.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. E. Beeton, W M; Bro. R. H. Dyer, J. W.; M. W.
Bro. James Seymour, P. M.
- No. 104. *St. John's Lodge, Norwichville, Ont.*
W. Bro. Harry Couzens, W. M.; Bro. William Topham, J. W.
- No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville.*
Bro. R. Whatly, J. W.
- No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford.*
W. Bro. Forbes D. Wilson, W. M.
- No. 107. *St Paul's Lodge, Lambeth.*
W. Bro. T. W. H. C. Jarvis, W. M.; Bro. James E. Griffith, S.
W.; R.W. Bro. D. B. Burch, P. M.; W. Bros. J. M. Banghart,
P. M.; James O'Connor, P. M.; George Morton, P. M.; W. L.
Odell, P. M.
- No. 108. *Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo.*
W. Bro. S. D. Brown, W. M.; Bro. J. G. Terryberry, S. W.
- No. 109. *Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith.*
R. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, proxy.
- No. 111. *Morpeth Lodge, Ridgetown.*
W. Bro. L. Carpenter, W. M.; Bros. James P. Rutherford, S.
W.; Charles S. Harrison, J. W.

- No. 112. *Maitland Lodge, Goderich.*
R. W. Bro. Isaac F. Toms, W. M.
- No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. McMichael, W. M.; Bros. Alexander Hess, S. W.;
J. C. Titchworth, J. W.; W. Bro. Lewis Beam, P. M.
- No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*
W. Bro. F. E. Gaudrie, W. M.; Bro. J. G. Hickey, J. W.
- No. 115. *Ivy Lodge, Beamsville, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Robert Kemp, W. M.
- No. 116. *Cassiz Lodge, Widler, Ont.*
W. Bro. G. W. Holwell, W. M.;
- No. 118. *Union Lodge, Schomberg, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. St. Clair, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 119. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Belfour, W. M.
- No. 120. *Warren Lodge, Fingal, Ont.*
W. Bros. Jas W. Miller, W. M.; Thomas Ferguson, P. M.
- No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*
Bro. W. H. Masterson, S. W.
- No. 122. *Renfrew Lodge, Ienfrew.*
R. W. Bro. W. R. White, proxy.
- No. 123. *The Belleville Lodge, Belleville.*
W. Bro. John McKeown, W. M.; Bro. D. McLean, S. W.
- No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall.*
W. Bro. William Hill, W. M.
- No. 128. *Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke.*
W. Bro. A. Ansell, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. R. White, P. M.; V.
W. Bro. Andrew Irving, jr., P. M.
- No. 133. *Lebanon Forest Lodge, Exeter.*
W. Bros. M. Eacrett, W. M.; T. W. Broderick, P. M.
- No. 135. *St. Clair Lodge, Milton.*
W. Bro. William Panton, W. M.; V. W. Bro. W. L. P. Eager,
P. M.
- No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville.*
W. Bros. J. R. Hoover, W. M.; G. R. Vanzant, P. M.
- No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford.*
W. Bro. Robert McIntosh, W. M.
- No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. G. W. Kellond, W. M.; R. W. Bro. William McCabe,
P. M.; V. W. Bro. John Boyd, P. M.
- No. 140. *Malahide Lodge, Aylmer, Ont.*
W. Bro. S. S. Clutton, W. M.; Bro. Asa Miller, J. W.

- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. T. Matheson, W. M.
- No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, Ont.*
W. Bro. Hamilton Fowler, W. M.
- No. 143. *Friendly Brothers' Lodge, Iroquois, Ont.*
W. Bro. David Fink, W. M.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, Ont.*
W. Bro. George J. Waugh, W. M.; Bro. J. S. Griswold, S. W.;
V. W. Bro. John Gibson, P. M.
- No. 145. *J. B. Hall Lodge, Millbrook, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. W. Wallace, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 146. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburgh, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. K. Aylsworth, W. M.
- No. 147. *Mississippi Lodge, Almonte, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. W. R. White, Proxy.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Walsh, W. M.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, Ont.*
W. Bro. Peter Lawson, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 150. *Hustings Lodge, Hastings, Ont.*
W. Bro. William M. Orr, W. M.
- No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Hendry, W. M.; Bros. C. O. Sizor, S. W.;
F. Holwell, J. W.; R. W. Bro. Charles Hendry, P. M.
- No. 154. *Irving Lodge, Lucan, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. James Sutton, W. M.; Bro. J. W. Martin, J. W.
- No. 155. *Peterboro' Lodge, Peterboro, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. O'Donnell, W. M.
- No. 156. *York Lodge, Davisville, Ont.*
W. Bros. John Fisher, P. M., Proxy; Arthur L. Willson, P. M.
- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, Ont.*
W. Bros. W. Smith, W. M.; Isaiah Danks, P. M.
- No. 159. *Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. John W. Pickup, Proxy.
- No. 161. *Percy Lodge, Warkworth, Ont.*
W. Bro. E. A. Mallory, W. M.
- No. 162. *Forest Lodge, Wroxeter, Ont.*
W. Bro. Ralph Hodgson, P. M.
- No. 164. *Star in the East Lodge, Wellington, Ont.*
W. Bro. Donald Ross, P. M., Proxy.

- No. 165. *Burlington Lodge, Wellington Square, Ont.*
W. Bro. G. C. Bastedo, W. M.
- No. 166. *Wentworth Lodge, Stoney Creek, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, W. M.
- No. 168. *Merritt Lodge, Welland, Ont.*
Bro. W. E. Burgar, J. W.
- No. 169. *McNab Lodge, Port Colborne, Ont.*
Bro. J. N. Griffith, J. W.
- No. 170. *Britannia Lodge, Seaforth.*
W. Bro. H. L. Vercoe, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. H. Benson, P. M.;
W. Bro. E. J. Hazelwood, P. M.
- No. 172. *Ayr Lodge, Ayr.*
W. Bro. A. H. Kay, W. M.
- No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan.*
R. W. Bro. Chauncy Bennett, P. M., proxy.
- No. 176. *Spartan Lodge, Sparta.*
W. Bros. F. A. Henderson, W. M.; Alexander Fraser, P. M.;
W. F. Edge, P. M.
- No. 177. *The Builders Lodge, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. E. B. Butterworth, P. M., proxy.
- No. 178. *Plattsville Lodge, Plattsville.*
Bro. John Cameron, S. W.
- No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell.*
W. Bro. Thomas Boon, W. M.
- No. 180. *Speed Lodge, Guelph*
W. Bro. Charles Pettiford, W. M.; V. W. Bros. C. Sharpe, P.
M.; W. D. Hepburn, P. M.
- No. 181. *Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell, Ont.*
W. Bro. M. G. Burwell, W. M.
- No. 183. *Prince Albert Lodge, Port Perry, Ont.*
W. Bro. George H. Dartnell, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 184. *Old Light Lodge, Lucknow, Ont.*
W. Bro. John S. Tennant, W. M.; Bro. Thomas Lawson, J. W.;
W. Bro. James Somerville, P. M.
- No. 185. *Enniskillen Lodge, York, Ont.*
W. Bro. R. A. Weir, W. M.
- No. 186. *Plantagenet Lodge, Plantagenet, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, Proxy.
- No. 190. *Belmont Lodge, Belmont, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. G. Fawcett, W. M.; Bro. H. Nichol, S. W.; W.
Bros. James Campbel, P. M.; James B. Campbell, P. M.

- No. 192. *Orillia Lodge, Orillia, Ont.*
W. Bro. E. B. Alport, W. M.
- No. 193. *Scotland Lodge, Scotland, Ont.*
W. Bro. C. F. F. Corbin, W. M.; Bro. L. A. Winegarden, J. W.
- No. 194. *Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia, Ont.*
Bro. W. E. Paine, S. W.
- No. 195. *The Tuscan Lodge, London, Ont.*
W. Bro. Charles Richardson, W. M. Bros. A. W. Porter, S. W.;
John R. Dixon, J. W.; R. W. Bro. James Moffat, P. M.; V.
W. Bros. George S. Birrell, P. M.; William Carey, P. M.;
R. Lewis, P. M.; H. Waterman, P. M.; W. Bro. A. G. Smyth,
P. M.
- No. 196. *Madawaska Lodge, Arnprior, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Proxy.
- No. 197. *Saugeen Lodge, Walkerton, Ont.*
W. Bros. Jabez Stephens, W. M.; J. G. Cooper, P. M.
- No. 198. *White Oak Lodge, Oakville, Ont.*
Bros. John McCorkindale, S. W.; N. J. McIntyre, J. W.
- No. 200. *St. Alban's Lodge, Mount Forest, Ont.*
W. Bros. Alex. Gow, W. M.; John McLaren, P. M.
- No. 201. *Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Ormiston, W. M.
- No. 203. *Irvine Lodge, Elora.*
W. Bro. J. H. Kenning, W. M.; Bro. D. Boyd, S. W.
- No. 205. *New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg.*
W. Bro. Otto Pressprich, W. M.; Bro. Jacob Seyler, J. W.;
W. Bro. William Morton, P. M.
- No. 209 a. *St John's Lodge, London.*
W. Bros. Thomas H. Tracy, W. M.; Duncan McFhail, P. M.;
Thomas Peel, P. M.
- No. 209. *Evergreen Lodge, Lanark.*
W. Bro. William Lawson, proxy.
- No. 210. *Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury.*
R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, proxy.
- No. 213. *Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway.*
Bro. H. T. Beebe, S. W.
- No. 214. *Craig Lodge Ailsa Craig.*
Bro. W. K. Atkinson, S. W.; W. Bro. Wm. Matheson, P. M.
- No. 215. *Lake Lodge, Ameliasburg.*
W. Bro. Edward Roblin, P. M., proxy.
- No. 217. *Frederick Lodge, Delhi.*
W. Bro. J. C. Ross, W. M.

- No. 218 *Stevenson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
W. Bros. James Robertson, W. M.; J. G. Burns, P. M.; George Chanter, P. M.
- No. 219 *Credit Lodge, Georgetown, Ont.*
W. Bros. D. McKenzie, W. M.; John R. Barber, P. M.; J. M. Dunn, P. M.
- No. 220 *Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, Ont.*
W. Bro. George H. Dartnell, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 221 *Mountain Lodge, Thorold, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Dale, W. M.
- No. 222 *Marmora Lodge, Marmora, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier, Proxy
- No. 223 *Norwood Lodge, Norwood, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. H. Stephenson, W. M.
- No. 224 *Zurich Lodge, Zurich, Ont.*
Bro. C. F. Wagner, S. W.; W. Bro. Robert Brown, P. M.
- No. 229 *Ionic Lodge, Brampton, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. E. McKay, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 230. *Kerr Lodge, Bell Ewart, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, Proxy.
- No. 231. *Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa.*
R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, Proxy; M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson
- No. 232. *Cameron Lodge, Wallacetown, Ont.*
W. Bros. John Risdon, W. M.; A. E. S. K. Barclay, P. M.; John Edgecomb, P. M.; Bro. George Duncan.
- No. 233. *Doric Lodge, Park Hill, Ont*
W. Bros. E. E. Chipman, W. M.; William Carr, P. M.
- No. 234. *Beaver Lodge, Clarksburg, Ont.*
W. Bro. George Reekie, W. M.
- No. 235. *Aldworth Lodge, Paisley, Ont.*
W. Bro. James G. Cooper, Proxy.
- No. 236. *Manitoba Lodge, Bondhead, Ont.*
W. Bro. James Sinclair, W. M.
- No. 237. *Vienna Lodge, Vienna, Ont.*
W. Bro. John H. Teall, W. M.
- No. 238. *Havelock Lodge, Watford.*
W. Bro. D. J. Campbell, W. M.
- No. 239. *Tweed Lodge, Tweed.*
Bro. A. M. Vandusen, S. W.
- No. 243. *St. George Lodge, St. George.*
V. W. Bro. E. E. Kitchen, W. M.

- No. 255. *Tecumseh Lodge, Thamesville, Ont.*
W. Bro. B. L. Chipman, W. M.
- No. 247. *Ashlar Lodge, Yorkville, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. C. Pridham, W. M.; Bros. J. F. Donaldson, S. W.;
George Vair, J. W.
- No. 248. *Eureka Lodge, Pakenham, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. John W. Pickup, P. M.
- No. 250. *Thistle Lodge, Embro, Ont.*
W. Bro. H. Adams, W. M.
- No. 253. *Minden Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*
W. Bros. James Redden, W. M.; Samuel Woods, P. M.
- No. 254. *Clifton Lodge, Clifton, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. D. E. Broderick, Proxy; W. Bro. C. Bunting, P. M.
- No. 255. *Sydenham Lodge, Dresden, Ont.*
W. Bro. James W. Sharpe, W. M.
- No. 256. *Farran's Point Lodge, Farran's Point Ont.*
W. Bro. C. F. Forbes, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 257. *Galt Lodge, Galt, Ont.*
W. Bros. Alfred Taylor, W. M.; Adam Cranston, P. M.
- No. 258. *Guelph Lodge, Guelph, Ont.*
W. Bro. Charles Sharpe, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 259. *Springfield Lodge, Springfield, Ont.*
W. Bros. J. Newell, W. M.; E. Lounsbury, P. M.
- No. 260. *Washington Lodge, Petrolia, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Stevenson, W. M.; Bros. R. M. Cooper, S. W.;
A. T. Gurd, J. W.; W. Bro. David Trotter, P. M.
- No. 261. *Oak Branch Lodge, Innerkip, Ont.*
W. Bro. Charles E. Foster, W. M.; Bro. Thos. Johnson, J. W.;
W. Bro. Robert Stark, P. M.
- No. 262. *Harriston Lodge, Harriston, Ont.*
W. Bro. Alex. Irvine, W. M.
- No. 263. *Forest Lodge, Forest, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Thomas C Macnabb, Proxy.
- No. 264. *Chaudiere Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. Philip N. Mason, W. M.
- No. 265. *Patterson Lodge, Concord, Ont.*
W. Bro. Arthur L Willson, P. M.
- No. 269. *Brougham Union Lodge, Brougham, Ont.*
Bros. Walter R. Ross, S. W.; Hector, Baxter, J. W.
- No. 270. *Cedar Lodge, Oshawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. C. A. Jones, W. M.

- No. 271. *Wellington Lodge, Erin, Ont.*
W. Bro. James Broddy, W. M.
- No. 272. *Seymour Lodge, Ancaster, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. W. Dewar, P. M.
- No. 274. *Kent Lodge, Blenheim, Ont.*
E. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, Proxy.
- No. 276. *Teeswater Lodge, Teeswater, Ont*
W. Bro. Ralph Hodgson, Proxy.
- No. 277. *Seymour Lodge, Port Dalhousie.*
M. W. Bro. James Seymour, Proxy.
- No. 278. *Mystic Lodge, Roslin, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier, Proxy.
- No. 279. *New Hope Lodge, Hespeler, Ont.*
W. Bro. Isaac Huber, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 280. *Mount Sinai Lodge, Napanee, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. T. Ferguson, W. M.
- No. 281. *Thorne Lodge, Holland Landing, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. Williams, W. M.
- No. 282. *Lorne Lodge, Glencoe, Ont.*
W. Bro. Wm. Hayden, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 283. *Eureka Lodge, Belleville, Ont.*
Bro. W. L. Hamilton, S. W.; R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, P. M.
- No. 284. *St John's Lodge, Brussels, Ont.*
W. Bro. R. Patterson, W. M.; Bro. J. Shaw, S. W.
- No. 285. *Seven Star Lodge, Alliston, Ont.*
W. Bro. T. Sargent, P. M., proxy.
- No. 286. *Wingham Lodge, Wingham, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Ritchie, W. M.
- No. 287. *Shuniah Lodge, Prince Arthur's Landing, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, P. M.
- No. 289. *Doric Lodge, Lobo, Ont.*
W. Bros. Thomas R. Powell, W. M.; J. D. McLeay, P. M.
- No. 290. *Leamington Lodge, Leamington, Ont.*
W. Bro. E. R. Sheply, P. M., proxy.
- No. 291. *Dufferin Lodge, West Flamboro', Ont.*
W. Bro. Alfred Jones, P. M., proxy.
- No. 292. *Robertson Lodge, Nobleton, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. J. Cameron, W. M.
- No. 294. *Moore Lodge, Mooretown, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Abernethy, W. M.

- No. 295. *Conestogo Lodge, Drayton, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. W. Fawcett, W. M.
- No. 296. *Temple Lodge, St Catharines, Ont.*
Bro. James McEdward, S. W.
- No. 297. *Preston Lodge, Preston, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Chapman, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, P. M.
- No. 299. *Victoria Lodge, Centreville, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. D. Miller, W. M.
- No. 300. *Mount Olivet Lodge, Thorndale, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. D. Salmon, W. M.; Bros. W. H. Dunlop, S. W.;
G. F. Bryan, J. W., W. Bros. M. Forster, P. M.; James
O'Connor, P. M.
- No. 301. *Hanover Lodge, Hanover, Ont.*
W. Bro. Jabez Stephens, Proxy.
- No. 302. *St. David's Lodge, St. Thomas, Ont.*
W. Bro. F. Morrison, W. M.; V. W. Bro. J. Corlis, P. M.
- No. 303. *Blyth Lodge, Blyth, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Wilson, W. M.
- No. 304. *Minerva Lodge, Victoria, Ont.*
Bro. A. M. Morden, S. W.
- No. 305. *Humber Lodge, Weston, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. J. F. Lash, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 306. *Durham Lodge, Durham, Ont.*
W. Bro. Richard Trotter, proxy.
- No. 309. *Morning Star Lodge, Smith's Hill, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Varcoe, W. M.; Bro. H. J. Nott, S. W.
- No. 310. *Enterprise Lodge, Beachburg, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. Ansell, proxy.
- No. 311. *Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge, Ont.*
W. Bro. Joel Reaman, W. M.; V. W. Bro. T. F. Blackwood,
P. M.
- No. 312. *Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg, Ont.*
Bro. James Scott, S. W.
- No. 313. *Clementi Lodge, Lakefield, Ont.*
W. Bro. Rev. W. L. Scott, W. M.
- No. 315. *Clifford Lodge, Clifford, Ont.*
W. Bro. K. M. Walton, W. M.
- No. 316. *Doric Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, W. M.; Bro. James Summers, S.
W.; W. Bro. James B. Nixon, P. M.
- No. 317. *The Hiram Lodge, Dundas, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. R. Brierley, proxy.

- No. 318. *Wilmot Lodge, Baden, Ont.*
Bro. William Liersch, S. W.
- U. D. *Hiram Lodge, Cheapside, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. V. Hoover, W. M.
- U. D. *Walker Lodge, Acton West, Ont.*
Bro. William McDonald, S. W.
- U. D. *North Star Lodge, Owen Sound, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Creasor, W. M.
- U. D. *Alvinston Lodge, Alvinston, Ont.*
W. Bro. M. Matheson, W. M.; Bro. Alex. Leitch, S. W.
- U. D. *Temple Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
Bro. S. F. Lazier, S. W.; R. W. Bros. J. W. Murton, P. M.; E. Mitchell, P. M.; Hugh Murray, P. M.; V. W. Bros. W. T. Munday, P. M.; R. Brierley, P. M.; F. R. Despard, P. M.; W. Bros. John W. Kerr, P. M.; Donald McPhie, P. M.; Gavin Stewart, P. M.; Wm. Reid, P. M.; Charles Davidson, P. M.
- U. D. *Orono Lodge, Orono, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. T. Lockhart, W. M.
- U. D. *Zetland Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. G. Burns, W. M., W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, S. W.; R. W. Bro. D. Spry, J. W.; R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, P. M.; V. W. Bros. F. J. Menet, P. M.; Thomas Sargant, P. M.; W. Bro. George Hodgetts, P. M.
- U. D. *The Hammond Lodge, Wardsville, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. D. Hammond, W. M.; Bro. E. Aitchison, S. W.
- U. D. *Ionic Lodge, Napier, Ont.*
W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay, W. M.
- U. D. *King Solomon's Lodge, Jurvis, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. A. Hoshal, W. M.
- U. D. *Corinthian Lodge, London East.*
W. Bro. William Fleming, W. M.; Bros. James Cook, S. W.; D. Y. Heyt, J. W.
- U. D. *Stratford Lodge, Stratford, Ont.*
Bro. J. L. Richmond, J. W.; W. Bro. James McFadden, P. M.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

The R. W. the Acting Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

The Acting Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during time of business.

The Acting Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last annual Communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Nineteenth Annual Communication, held at the city of Toronto, on the 8th and 9th days of July, 1874, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The R. W. the Acting Grand Master, delivered the following address to the brethren assembled in Grand Communication.

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF GRAND LODGE:

The great bereavement which we sustained in January last, and which cast the veil of grief over the whole fraternity throughout the length and breadth of this Grand Lodge jurisdiction, called upon me, under the provisions of the Constitution, to assume the functions of Grand Master, and threw upon me the duties and responsibilities pertaining to that office during the most important half of the Masonic year just ended. Being without the assistance of a deputy, these duties have drawn more heavily upon my time than I had anticipated, and the difficulties of my situation were immeasurably increased through the death of our Grand Secretary, whose loss we have together mourned since August last.

It becomes my duty, therefore, to assume the gavel, and in doing so I desire to submit for your consideration a brief outline of such events during the whole of the past year, as may require the notice of Grand Lodge.

At our last Annual Communication, the brethren of Grand Lodge for the twentieth time, elected R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris to the important and honorable position of Grand Secretary—and many now present will remember the modest terms in which he alluded to the services he had already rendered to the Craft, and his acknowledgment of the honor then done him by re-electing him to an office where he loved to labor. Scarcely had the brethren returned to their homes, when the alarming intelligence reached them that their beloved brother was seriously ill, and that his friends were apprehensive lest fatal results might ensue.

During a month he was prostrated and suffered much, and although there were intervals of hoping even against hope, when he and the loved ones who attended him looked forward for his recovery, it was not so willed in the councils above. His illness became more serious, his sufferings more intense, his physical system more infirm, his strength exhausted, the bodily frame gave way, and his spirit took its flight to the right hand of his Redeemer, and the sad tidings were heralded throughout our jurisdiction that our brother had departed hence, and would be seen of men no more.

It is greatly to be feared that the deep interest which R. W. Bro. Harris took in the affairs of Grand Lodge, incited him frequently to exert himself in the cause of Masonry beyond his physical strength, and in the effort to promote the interests of the Craft he had been wont to overtask his powers. Many whose privilege it was to know him intimately, are aware that after our annual assemblies, he almost invariably suffered from the effects of the severe strain then put upon his energies, and that for years past he left our deliberations agitated and prostrated to seek rest and repose, and to recover and regain his wasted strength. Prior to the last communication of Grand Lodge, Bro. Harris labored assiduously to have the business in a forward state, and after his return home he engaged most actively in the details of the work which had then been determined upon, until the fatal illness overtook him and he was summoned to cease from his labors.

Bro. Harris was devoted to the interests of Grand Lodge, and there can be no manner of doubt that he wore himself out in its service. He was initiated into Masonry in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, in 1848, and from that time took an active part in and was a warm supporter of the cause of Masonry. No man labored more abundantly to advance its interests.

He was mainly instrumental in establishing this Grand Lodge, and it was his great privilege as well as his just pride, that he had done more than any other one to contribute to its present prosperous and truly honorable position. At the convention of delegates assembled at Hamilton, in 1855, prior to the formation of this Grand Lodge, Bro. Harris was appointed Secretary, and at the following convention when the Grand Lodge was formed, he was elected to the office of Grand Secretary, which position he continued to hold with but a brief interruption down to the time of his death, which

occurred on Tuesday, the 18th day of August last, at his residence in Hamilton. He died peacefully, after a brief illness, borne alike with fortitude and resignation.

He held many other important positions in Freemasonry during the whole time that he was Grand Secretary, and on many occasions he received warm acknowledgements of his services to Masonry from the Craft at large, from Grand Lodge and private Lodges as well as from other Masonic bodies, and he was frequently the recipient of substantial tokens of the good will of his brethren, and of the esteem in which he was held by them.

The high position to which his brethren elevated him, and his continued re election to the same, attest their appreciation of the many virtues and Masonic abilities of this excellent man. A good and true mason, moral in his deportment, kind and courteous in his demeanor, benevolent in his disposition, never weary in well-doing. As a member of the community in which he resided he stood in public esteem, and was respected by all who came in contact with him. As a neighbor he earned the regard of those who knew him, and as a husband and father he excelled in all these noble qualities, and possessed in a large degree those tender affections and endearing characteristics that make home happy.

"None knew him but to love,
None named him but to praise."

Our late Grand Master promptly appointed our esteemed and R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, to act as Grand Secretary for the remainder of the year. Bro. Mason immediately entered upon the duties of the office, and I think it but due to him to say, that M. W. Bro. Wilson frequently expressed to me his entire satisfaction at the thorough and efficient manner in which Bro. Mason discharged the responsibilities so unexpectedly cast upon him. I desire also to acknowledge the promptitude, energy, and assiduity evinced by Bro. Mason since I have been brought into close and frequent communication with him and I take this opportunity of publicly thanking him for the services he has rendered to me, especially during the half year just ended.

As the funeral dirge is ever vibrating upon our ear, we become indifferent to the sorrow and grief of those around us. We heed not the mournful wail, until a deep-toned bell tolls the knell that summons us to the grave of one we love;

then, in agony we kneel, and in our weakness cry unto the Mighty for help and succour!

Scarce had we left the grave of our brother—scarce had we wiped away the tears which we shed upon the last resting place of our Grand Secretary—nor had we begun to know the full measure of the loss we had sustained—when we were again plunged in grief—calamities accumulated upon us. The sad tidings went forth that our Grand Master was stricken, and that we were called to lay him in the silent tomb. Again did our sorrowing hosts assemble to pay their last sad offices to the departed—whose memory we revered—and to resign his body to the earth whence it came, and to offer up to his memory the last tribute of our affection and regard.

This being the first instance in the history of our Grand Lodge that the Grand Master has been called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe to lay aside his gavel, we were overwhelmed with unutterable grief, and this great bereavement threw us into confusion. Our Head and Chieftain had fallen.

M. W. Bro. Wilson was initiated into Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, Simcoe, in 1840. He at once engaged in the active duties of the Lodge, being elected Junior Warden in the same year, and thenceforward he continued earnest and devoted in promoting the interests of the Order, seizing every fair opportunity of inculcating the principles and precepts which we profess, and actively discharging the duties which throughout his lifetime were cast upon him by his brethren.

It has been well written of him, that "The Craft has lost one of its brightest ornaments in Ontario, and the fraternity a shining light, whose large experience, sound judgment and just decisions, commended him as a Masonic authority of the highest order. His services to Masonry have been great and are fully appreciated, though they can never be adequately rewarded, for no man could have done more to advance its interests. He was among the first to aid in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and so highly were his services at that time regarded, that he was chosen the first occupant of the oriental chair, which he held uninterruptedly for several years. In 1860, he was permitted to retire, and chosen again in 1866, holding the position for two years, when he only relinquished it on account of

acceptance of office under the Government. Five years later he was again elected to the position, and continued to hold it up to the time of his death."

M. W. Bro. Wilson was most indefatigable in promoting the cause of Freemasonry. He shrank from no task calling for effort on his part, but cheerfully undertook the most arduous labor, and accepted the most exacting calls upon his time and his strength, in forwarding the cause he had so truly at heart. Brilliant in the discharge of his duties, untiring in his zeal and energy, possessing those qualities which attract and charm the minds of men, it is impossible to measure the service he has rendered to the Craft in Canada.

He promoted our interest throughout the United States, and won for our Grand Lodge the high position which it occupies in the estimation of the Grand Lodges throughout the world. He introduced into the working of our system any improvements which he found existing in the other Grand Bodies visited by him. He examined into the working of our subordinate Lodges, and contributed largely to their instruction, and in a great measure he controlled for good the cause of our Grand Lodge. He at all times furthered the prosecution of good works amongst his brethren, and inculcated the practice of our profession and tenets.

In M. W. Bro. Wilson were embodied those attributes symbolized by the three famous pillars of the ancient temple. His Masonic wisdom was great. The strength of his decisions was conceded by all, and the beauty of his Masonic and Christian walk won the admiration of his brethren. His exertions were largely crowned with success, and his untiring efforts were admired and appreciated by his brethren, who continued to shower upon him the highest honors that they could bestow; and whilst the records of our Grand Lodge abound with the works of his hands, they also bear testimony to the estimation in which M. W. Bro. Wilson was always held by his brethren. Full of Masonic honors, he left this earthly scene.

In the world at large he played an important part, and discharged his duties in such a manner as to entitle him to the respect of all.

In official life he was affable and courteous—at the bar he was an able advocate and a generous adversary. In the

municipal and county councils he was a thoughtful and prudent member, a dignified and judicious warden. In the military service he was a brave soldier, a considerate commander. On the bench, an upright judge, and a sound lawyer. As a neighbor and friend, he was noble, generous and hospitable. As a husband and father, he was kind and affectionate. As a good citizen, none stood higher. He was honored as a man and almost idolized as a Mason—for he possessed all those qualities which distinguish the good and true brother, and which have indelibly impressed his name upon the tablet of our hearts.

It was by a strange and mournful coincidence that our first Grand Master and our first Grand Secretary were both taken from us within a few short months during the same Masonic year.

They had been for many years laboring side by side in the same Masonic vineyard. In life their names and works were linked together for good, and now they have gone almost together to the Grand Lodge above.

But whilst we mourn our loss, let us endeavor to console ourselves with the belief that it is not commensurate with those high and noble honors and awards to which our beloved brethren have been called. Let us be admonished that in the midst of life we are in death, and so live and act our parts that we may have no cause for repentance when the hour of our own departure is at hand.

“Lives of good men all remind us
 We can make our lives sublime,
 And departing, leave behind us
 Footsteps in the sands of time—
 Footprints that, perchance, another,
 Trav'ling o'er life's troubled main,
 A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
 Seeing shall take heart again.”

It is perhaps not necessary for me to add, that the funerals of our departed brethren were conducted by Grand Lodge, and that they were largely attended by the members of our Order, of all grades; as well as by an immense concourse of other citizens. They were two of the most numerously attended funerals ever known in this country. The proceedings at the special communications held on both occasions have been recorded, and will appear in our printed proceedings of Grand Lodge.

I regret to add that other familiar faces will be missed from our assemblies, the cruel hand of death having during the past year removed many who had been regular attendants at Grand Lodge. Mention is made of some in the reports of the D. D. G. M's., to be laid before you.

I cannot, however, omit to make special mention of the death of R. W. Bro. Dr. R. M. Wilson, P. D. D. G. M., of Niagara District, on Monday, the 31st of May last, at Simcoe. Ill health prevented him from being with us lately, but he was one of the earliest of our members, having taken an active part in the formation of Grand Lodge, and subsequently proved to be one of the most useful and most faithful among the brethren. He was buried by the members of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, at the request of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, when the ceremonies were conducted by R. W. Bro. Bennett, D. D. G. M. of Wilson District.

Towards the close of the last year the sad intelligence of the death of His Grace the Duke of Leinster, who, for a period of sixty-one years, without interruption, ruled over the Craft in Ireland as Grand Master, with mild and courteous sway, was received here from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. We proffer our sympathy and condolence to that Grand Lodge on the loss of one who so worthily presided over the deliberations of that body for a period exceeding the span of most men's lives. The vacancy thus created in the Grand Master's chair was filled by the election of His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who was installed on the 6th of January last.

One of the most important events which has transpired in the Masonic world during the year now closed, was the installation of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, in April last, in the presence of more than seven thousand Freemasons.

The grandeur of the proceedings attendant upon the installation was such as to call forth the unqualified admiration and approval of all who witnessed them, and the occasion was one long to be remembered by the fraternity.

Long may our Royal Grand Master be spared to preside over the Craft in England, and to uphold the principles of the Order!

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR.

Our late Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wilson, up to the time

he was afflicted with his last illness, was very active in the discharge of the duties of his office. At the close of the annual Communication at Toronto, he repaired to Weston and dedicated two Lodges, the Humber Lodge, No. 305, and the Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, when he installed the officers. From a trip to the seaside, he returned in time to visit the bedside of his dying friend and brother, and to render him great service in those trying moments. He conducted the services when the remains of R. W. Bro. Harris were interred, and took an active part in investigating the affairs of the Grand Lodge, as they had been left by the sudden call of our departed Grand Secretary from his earthly labors. A few days later he was at St. Thomas, where he dedicated St. David's Lodge, No. 302, and installed the officers. Ten days after that we find him in Montreal, where he seized that opportunity of presenting to M. W. Bro. Thos. White, P. G. M., the testimonial which the Grand Lodge at the last annual Communication directed to be procured and presented in recognition of the many valuable services of M. W. Bro. White.

The testimonial consisted of a beautiful silver epergne, side pieces, and a handsome silver tray and tea service, and the committee to whom the selection was left are assured that it will be gratifying to the members of the Grand Lodge to know that the articles selected were those most acceptable to our Most Worshipful Bro. Thos. White. After discharging a number of minor but none the less exacting duties, he went to Ingersoll in October, where he dedicated the new Masonic Hall; and I am aware of the pleasure it gave him to conduct those proceedings and to meet his brethren and friends who participated therein. But a few days before he was confined to his bed, he delivered a lecture at Chatham, under the auspices of Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, and dedicated Kent Lodge, No. 274, at Blenheim. These, with a multitude of official acts of every variety—which time would fail me to detail—kept him almost constantly occupied up to the hour when the summons was sent him to attend before the Great Architect and Ruler above.

Thus, my brethren, you will see that our Grand Master was to the last mindful of his duty, and active in the discharge of the same. Let his example serve to stimulate us to the exercise of like energies, and the promotion of the honor and aim of our noble Order.

Whilst our late Grand Master was confined to bed, I was

called upon to act on his behalf in conducting the interesting ceremony of dedicating the new Masonic Hall at Hamilton, a special Communication of Grand Lodge having been called on Wednesday, the 30th of December last, for that object.

This new Hall is one of the largest, handsomest and most substantial edifices in the city of Hamilton, and contains ample accomodation for all the Masonic bodies meeting in the city. It is admirably laid out for the purpose for which it is intended, and elegantly furnished throughout.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large assembly of ladies and gentlemen, who had been invited to be present by the members of the Craft, of whom also large numbers attended and took part in the proceedings.

In the evening the event was celebrated by a Grand Masonic ball, which was largely attended, and proved to be a most successful and enjoyable affair.

I cannot pass from this subject without extending my most hearty congratulations to our Hamilton brethren upon the completion of the edifice; and I must at the same time commend them for the energy they have displayed in the prosecution of their undertaking and the enterprise which has characterized their efforts in connection with the same.

On the 3rd of March last I dedicated the new Masonic Hall in Seaforth, when I was assisted by a number of Grand Officers and by brethren of Britannia Lodge, No. 170, and a large number of visiting brethren of the neighboring Lodges, who, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, assembled to to take part in the proceedings. After the ceremony of the dedication was completed, I had the opportunity of attending a meeting of Britannia Lodge, and seeing the work performed by the W. M., and I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the able manner in which it was done. Everything was commenced in order, conducted in peace, and closed in harmony.

The new and handsome hall lately erected in the town of Aylmer, for the use of Malahide Lodge, No. 140, was dedicated to Masonry on the 1st of July last, when R. W. Bro. McGloghlon, D. D. G. M., of London, very kindly acted for me and ably performed the ceremony.

At the request of the Board of School Trustees of Walker-

ton, I called a special Communication of Grand Lodge at that place on Dominion Day, the 1st July last, and with the assistance of the brethren of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, and a number of other brethren from that section of the country, and in the presence of a large assembly of the people of that locality, I laid the corner stone of a new High and Public School about to be erected in that town. I regret exceedingly that I was not able to avail myself of the kind hospitalities proffered on that occasion, but I desire to acknowledge the kindness shown by extending to me an invitation to the festivities of the day.

The corner stone of a new church at Belleville was laid on the 31st of May last, on which occasion R. W. Bro. Lazier, D. D. G. M. of Prince Edward District, kindly acted for me and efficiently performed the work.

On the 24th of May last, the corner stone of a new Baptist Church was laid at Pembroke, by R. W. Bro. White, G.S.W., who ably represented me in conducting the proceedings; and R. W. Bro. Richardson, P. D. D. M. of Prince Edward District, performed a like ceremony at Napanee Mills, where the corner stone of a new church was laid by him.

R. W. Bro. McGloghlon, D. D. G. M. of London District, at the request of our late Grand Master, officiated on the occasion of laying the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall, then about to be erected at Port Stanley, by the brethren of St. Mark's Lodge.

A special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Ridgeway, on the 15th September last, when the base of a tablet to be raised in the memorial church erected at that place to the memory of the brave volunteers who fell in the defence of their country during the Fenian invasion of 1866, was laid by R. W. Bro. Broderick, D. D. G. M. of Niagara District, who had been deputed to act on behalf of the Grand Master, and conducted the interesting proceedings throughout with marked ability. In the appropriate observations which he addressed to those present he alluded in feeling terms to the sacred respect entertained for the memory of those who had sacrificed themselves on the altar of their country, and whose noble deeds infuse an inspiration of patriotism whenever recalled.

During the early part of the year our late Grand Master renewed his dispensations for :

1. Hiram Lodge, Cheapside.
2. Chesterville Lodge, Chesterville.

And granted dispensations for the formation of the following Lodges :

1. Walker Lodge, Acton.
2. North Star Lodge, Owen Sound.
3. Alvinston Lodge, Alvinston.
4. Temple Lodge, Hamilton.
5. Orono Lodge, Orono.

And since I assumed the gavel, I have granted dispensations as follows :

6. Zetland Lodge, Toronto.
7. The Hammond Lodge, Wardsville.
8. Ionic Lodge, Napier.
9. King Solomon's Lodge, Jarvis.
10. Corinthian Lodge, London East.
11. Eden Lodge, London.
12. Fordwich Lodge, Fordwich.
13. Stratford Lodge, Stratford.
14. Prince Arthur Lodge, Flesherton.

The work which has been performed by these Lodges will be submitted to your consideration, and it will be for you to say whether or not Warrants shall be issued to authorize them to continue longer to meet.

It afforded me much pleasure to receive the application of the brethren of King Hiram Lodge, No. 89, Lindsay, for the return of their warrant and for authority to resume work. After due enquiry into the state of Masonry in Lindsay, and upon receiving full assurance of the ability of the brethren about to engage in the work, and their thorough and earnest desire to resuscitate the Lodge, I felt justified in acceding to the application. R. W. Bro. Traves kindly undertook the duty of returning the warrant and re-establishing the Lodge in good working order. The manner in which the work has so far been conducted gives great promise of a prosperous and useful career for this long dormant Lodge.

I have much pleasure in announcing to you that in August last, I received at the hands of our late Grand Master, my

credentials as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah near this Grand Lodge, and I now submit them to you. I trust that the cordial relations opened up with the Grand Lodge of Utah, through our late Grand Master, may continue to be of a most friendly character, and I shall esteem it a privilege if I may be in any means instrumental in preserving the relations so happily begun.

Through the like channel, R. W. Bro. Mason, Grand Secretary, received his credentials, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, in the place of our deceased R. W. Bro. Harris, who so ably represented that Grand Lodge for many years.

I have received information of the establishment and recognition by several other Grand Lodges of the Grand Orient of Hungary, and I am glad to recommend that she be received by us as a sister Grand Lodge, and the right hand of fellowship extended towards her upon her admission to the status of a Grand Lodge in the Masonic fraternity.

During last month, I received from Winnipeg, a letter from Bro. W. C. Clarke, advising me that "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.," had been constitutionally formed on the 12th of May, 1875, by the unanimous consent of the duly appointed delegates from all the subordinate Lodges in that Province, and that formal and official documents would be forwarded to our Grand Secretary to be laid before this Communication of Grand Lodge.

No report has been received from the D. D. G. M. of Manitoba District, nor has any information been forwarded respecting the movement referred to in the above letter, which is the only intimation of any kind whatever that was communicated to us of either a necessity or a desire for change on the part of our Manitoba brethren. I therefore submit the matter for the consideration of Grand Lodge.

On the 5th of December last, the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was organized for the territory of that name, the officers thereof elected and installed, and a constitution adopted for the government of the same; and the official notice received a few days since informs us that the proceedings were conducted in every particular in a manner consistent with the ancient landmarks and established usages of our Order. There has not been time to make due enquiry into the regularity of the above proceedings, but upon such enquiry

proving satisfactory, I recommend the recognition of this new Grand Lodge.

I have also received notice that at a meeting of delegates representing all the Lodges in Prince Edward Island, held at Summerside, in February last, it was resolved that a Grand Lodge for that Province should be formed, and that a committee was appointed to communicate with this and other Grand Lodges in this Dominion, as well as the parent Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, requesting that such action may be taken as will lead to our recognition of the new Grand Lodge when organized. I have much pleasure in recommending to your favorable consideration the request of our brethren of Prince Edward Island.

I am glad to be able to report the satisfactory condition of our finances. The report of the auditors will be submitted to you. From this you will see that after paying over to our brethren in the Province of Quebec \$4,000, as authorized by resolution of Grand Lodge last year, we have :

Investments, Government Stock	\$45,573 33
“ Bank of Toronto.....	628 99
“ Bank of Commerce	6,614 52
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	\$52,816 84

which stands upon our books to the credit of

General Fund.....	\$28,445 55
Asylum Fund	6 828 99
Investment Benevolence.....	16,486 21
Benevolence, Current Account.....	1,059 09
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	\$52,816 84

The Masonic business of the past year has been far from unimportant. Many matters have been disposed of by the late Grand Master and by myself, which do not require special notice here, and others will be brought before you by the Board of General Purposes in the course of our proceedings.

I submit to your approval this review of the past year. I cannot hope that no error has been committed, or that in every case satisfaction has been given. To err is human. To satisfy all and yet discharge duty faithfully, is impossible. But of this I am sure, that I have endeavored to discharge the obligations pertaining to this position, by maintaining the landmarks and laws of Freemasonry with inflexibility,

yet impartially, and in the spirit of courtesy and kindness. Obedience to duty is the highest obligation of a Mason. In my efforts to discharge this obligation, my feelings and human passions have not been without severe trials, but by the blessing of God, it was endured, and the approval of my brethren and of my own conscience, and the belief that I shall deliver over the trust so unexpectedly imposed upon me, untarnished and unsullied, is my most ample reward.

J. K. KERR,

D. G. M., Acting Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Seymour was announced and received with grand honors.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the address of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

Communications were received and read from M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and R. W. Bro. David McLellan, regretting their inability to be present at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. F. J. Menet, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved,—That the following reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received and considered as read, viz :

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN.—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Lodge and the discharge of the duty devolving upon me, I have the honor to submit, this, my second annual report of the condition of Freemasonry in the St. Clair District.

I have, during the past year, visited all the Lodges in the District, with one exception; in this one instance my letter to the secretary having by some means miscarried, consequently the brethren had not been summoned to meet me.

There are twenty-two warranted Lodges and one under dispensation in the District, and I am pleased to report that they are all progressing satisfactorily.

Burns Lodge, No. 153 ; Petrolia, No. 194 ; and Washington, No. 260, lost their Lodge rooms by fire ; the first lost their regalia and all the contents of their room ; the two latter saved all their jewels and the most valuable part of their furniture. The brethren of the above Lodges have secured new Lodge rooms, the two latter being joint occupants of the one room.

Upon a petition duly recommended, I applied to the M. W. the Grand Master for a dispensation to open a new Lodge at Alvinston, called Alvinston Lodge, Bro. H. Matheson, W. M. ; to which the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to issue a dispensation, and on subsequent visits found said Lodge satisfactorily progressing.

On the 16th December last, I attended our late lamented Grand Master, at a special Communication of Grand Lodge held at the village of Blenheim, in my District, for the purpose of dedicating a new Masonic hall, for Kent Lodge, No. 274, this being the last official act of our most esteemed and deeply regretted Grand Master, William M. Wilson, whose memory we revere, and whose loss we deplore.

The usual dispensations for wearing Masonic regalia have been granted to the brethren on proper occasions.

Several of the brethren during the year who have been removed from our midst by death, were duly reported to the Grand Secretary, as required by the Constitution and received Masonic burial.

I cannot close this, my second annual report, without again expressing my gratitude and fervent thanks to the officers and brethren of all the Lodges, for the universal kindness, attention and fraternal welcome with which I was received when paying my official visits, and will look back with mingled pride and pleasure to the two years I had the

honor to hold the high position of D. D. G. M. of St. Clair District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS C. MACNABB.

Chatham, 9th July, 1875.

D. D. G. M., St. Clair District.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—As directed by Constitution, I herewith present my first annual report on the condition of Masonry in the London District.

I cannot commence my regular report without first mentioning the deep sorrow and regret that prevail in my District, in the great loss of two of our most worthy and esteemed leaders and founders of this Grand Lodge, *in the persons*, first of R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, Grand Secretary, who drew the first pen in behalf of this now most flourishing Grand Lodge of Canada, and who lived respected by all who knew him, and his memory will always remain fresh in the minds of the Masons of Canada, aye America, and the mother country.

And then so soon following, our most beloved and respected Grand Master, William M. Wilson, who has wielded the destiny of this Grand Lodge for the last twenty years, and being I might say instrumental in rising her from that small beginning in 1855, to what she now is, one in the first ranks of the world of Grand Lodges, would that I were able to pay just tribute to so great merit, but must content myself to leave that to more competent and more worthy hands. His Masonic memory never can be blotted from the records by time, and the Masonic world will ever mourn his loss, and every Mason in Canada will cherish in their hearts his many brotherly greetings. May we all who are left live long to build to his memory that Masonic Temple whose corner stone was laid by him.

In reverting to my report of Masonry in the London District, I have much pleasure in informing you that I have visited all of the twenty-five Lodges under my charge, on their regular nights of meeting, and several of them many times, and find them as a whole, working in peace, harmony and prosperity. I have had the great pleasure of instructing thirteen of them in the correct working, and some having before being instructed, they are all now with a few exceptions working the ritual of the Grand Lodge. On September the first, I had the pleasure of meeting the late Most Worshipful Grand Master, at St. Thomas, who opened Grand Lodge, and dedicated the New Hall of St. David's Lodge, No. 302. On the tenth of the same month I visited Sarnia, with a large number of the Masonic brethren of the St. Clair and London Districts, who had arranged a grand Railway and Steamboat Excursion to that town, when a most enjoyable day was spent, and all returned to their homes well satisfied with their trip.

On October 2nd, under dispensation granted by the late Grand Master, I opened Grand Lodge at Port Stanley, and laid the corner stone of a New Hall for St. Mark's Lodge of that Town, the proceedings of which I duly reported to Grand Lodge.

On St. John's day in December and following days, I installed in ten Lodges, and in June in seven, making in all seventeen, in many of which I was ably assisted by P. D. D. G. M. F. Westlake, W. Bros. J. R. Peel, N. S. McCall, Wm. Cairn, E. E. Chipman, Wm. Hayden, H. G. Lindsay, and many other distinguished brethren of the District.

On May the fourth, under dispensation from the Acting Grand Master, I dedicated the New Hall built by St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, which is a very handsome structure, and reflects great credit on the members of the Lodge, the full proceedings of which I reported to the Acting Grand Secretary.

And on July 1st, also under dispensation from the Acting

Grand Master, I opened Grand Lodge at the Town of Aylmer, for the purpose of dedicating the the New Hall just completed by Malahide Lodge, No. 140, which is one of the handsomest Halls in this District, the proceedings of which I also reported to the Grand Secretary.

On May the 19th, I duly opened and installed a new Lodge in the City of London, to be called the Eden Lodge, under dispensation which the Acting Grand Master was pleased to grant.

And on May the 21st, I duly opened and installed Corinthian Lodge in the village of London East.

On June 8th, I opened the Hammond Lodge in the village of Wardsville.

And on the 10th of the same month, I opened Ionic Lodge at the village of Napier, all under dispensation granted by the Acting Grand Master, all of these Lodges commence under very favourable circumstances, are under able and efficient officers, and must eventually add credit to the Grand Lodge, and I have much pleasure in recommending that warrants be granted to all of these Lodges whose books will be presented to the Grand Lodge, and will show that they are all quite capable of thoroughly working the several degrees according to the ritual of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which, when granted will make twenty-nine chartered Lodges in the London District, with a membership of about one thousand and six hundred members.

I granted a dispensation to St. George's Lodge, No. 42, of the city of London, to appear at church in Masonic Regalia on the 27th December, and to attend a dinner party on the 28th December, I also granted a dispensation to St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, to attend church in regalia on December 27th, and also to St. David's Lodge, No. 302, of St. Thomas, and to St. Mark's No. 94, for the same purpose, and to Springfield to attend a dinner on the 28th December, and for said dispensation I herewith transmit to Grand Lodge one dollar cash as provided by Constitution, in all five dollars.

There have been but few deaths reported to me; the following being all: On the 14th September, Bro. Mathew Hood who was drowned at Detroit, was duly interred with Masonic honors. On February 25th, W. Bro. Thos. F. McMullen, Past Master of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, of this city, was interred with Masonic honors, and it was one of the largest Masonic funerals ever held in this locality. W. Bro. McMullen was a very old Mason, having been initiated in the West Indies many years ago. He visited Lodges in the four quarters of the globe, and often mentioned many kindnesses tendered among the fraternity in those distant lands. He had been a resident of this city for about twenty years, in all of which he took an active part in promoting the interests of Masonry. He lived universally respected and died regretted by all who knew him. On March 4th, Bro. Thomas Huson of Doric Lodge, No. 233, was duly interred with Masonic honors. On April 16th, Bro. Linley McKenzie, a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 84, Michigan, U. S., was duly interred with Masonic honors at the request of his Lodge, by Doric Lodge, No. 233. Although in a strange land he fell among brothers.

I cannot close this report without expressing my best thanks to all the officers and members throughout the District for the kindness and courtesy extended to me in every part of the District. Although I have had a very arduous task to perform during the year, having traveled three thousand and sixteen miles while in the discharge of my official duty, and a great part of that by team, I can assure you that I have had a great amount of pleasure in meeting my friends and brothers which fully compensates for the hardships in wind and snow; and I might state that the whole has been performed without a dollar's expense to any Lodge.

Wishing you all every happiness and prosperity, I remain,
yours fraternally,

W. D. MCGLOGHLON,
D. D. G. M., London District.

London, July 5th, 1875.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit the following report in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, as regarding the condition of Masonry in the Wilson District over which I have presided as D. D. G. M. for the year 1874-75.

I am pleased to be able to state that harmony prevails throughout the whole of this large District, comprised of twenty-four Lodges, all of which I have visited with two exceptions, viz: St. John's, No. 82, Paris; and Vienna, No. 237, Vienna. I should have visited each of these Lodges, but on request to the W. M.'s to call emergent meetings for the same, they could not make it convenient at the time to do so.

All of the twenty-two Lodges which I have visited, (several of them a number of times), I have found with some slight exceptions in a prosperous condition, and working in a constitutional and satisfactory manner. During the year I have installed a number of officers of Lodges.

In February last, I held a general Lodge of instruction in the town of Woodstock, which, considering the fearful snow storm that raged at the time, was very successful, as a large number of delegates from Lodges in the District were in attendance and assisted in the exemplification of the authorized work; while a great number who intended being present, could not get there owing to the storm. I have to express my thanks to R. W. Bros. Westlake and Mason for assisting me on that occasion.

I granted a dispensation to Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, for the brethren to wear regalia to church, on Sunday, the 27th of December. Also to Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, for the brethren of that and surrounding Lodges to attend the funeral sermon of our late M. W. Grand Master, which was preached in Simeoe, on Sunday, the 24th of January, by the R. W. the Grand Chaplain.

Several deaths have been reported to me during the Masonic year. I will mention one especially, as it is one in which all Grand Lodge will sympathise with the Wilson District, in their great loss of our most highly esteemed Grand Master, Col. William Mercer Wilson, who died at his residence in Simcoe, on the morning of the 16th of January, after a short illness. As all Grand Lodge knew him so well, I will not enlarge on his many virtues and of his great and lasting usefulness to the Craft. I will only add this much to the praise of his memory. That we compare with pride "with others of the fraternity," his exemplary walk as a man and a Mason. He has travelled to the end of his journey, and carried with him an increasing weight of honor; he has deposited it safely where misfortune can not tarnish, where malice dare not enter. In his death the fraternity are deprived of an exemplary member and one of its brightest jewels, a brightness the grave cannot obscure. Peace to his ashes.

I also presided at the funeral ceremonies of R. W. Bro. Robert Wilson, P. D. D. G. M. of the Niagara District, who died at Simcoe in June, and was buried by the Masons of Norfolk Lodge, at the request of Niagara Lodge. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of Masons.

I have had but one matter of difficulty which was referred back to me from the Board of General Purposes in February last. The case was an appeal by Bro. Charles Straubel against Thistle Lodge, Embro, for illegal suspension. I summoned the Lodge and investigated the matter, and found Bro. Straubel had good cause to appeal against his suspension, and restored him to his membership in the Lodge.

It was my intention to have given the number of initiations, passings and raisings in the District, for the year ending 1874, but some of the Lodges have not answered my request for such statements, and I could not make a perfect statement without, so I have allowed the matter to drop.

Complaint has been made to me by the masters of Lodges,

of the fact that the secretaries of Lodges in the District have not furnished them, as required by the Constitution, with the black-balling of applicants. St. George's Lodge in particular, told me that they had not received any notice of such cases except from one or two Lodges in the District. I hope masters of Lodges will see that this important duty is not neglected.

I cannot close my report without expressing my warmest thanks to the brethren of the District, for their uniform kindness to me during the year I have presided over them as D. D. G. M.; and I pray that it may please the G. A. O. T. U. long to continue the harmony that prevails among the brethren of the Wilson District.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Port Rowan, 5th July, 1875.

CHAUNCY BENNETT,
D. D. G. M. Wilson District.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit this my first report of the progress and state of Masonry in my District.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District, with five exceptions, and had I not been confined to the house for some time by illness, I would have visited the whole number.

I have great pleasure in being able to report that all the Lodges which I did visit, showed great and increasing prosperity, and were in almost every instance, governed by brethren, both earnest and well qualified to impart instruction.

There are in the District twenty-two Lodges working under warrants, and two under dispensation.

The Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master has been pleased to grant dispensations for the formation of the two Lodges mentioned above, one at Stratford, called Stratford

Lodge, with Bro. I. Baker as W. M. elect, and one at Fordwich, with W. Bro. Alex. Irvine, W. M. of Harriston Lodge No. 262, as Master, both well qualified for their high position, being well skilled in all the ancient charges, regulations and landmarks of the Order.

I beg respectfully to recommend that both of these Lodges receive warrants.

I received a petition from several brethren, for permission to form a new Lodge at Inverhuron; but owing to the petition not being properly recommended by the brethren of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine, (the nearest Lodge) I declined taking any definite action in the matter.

By the authority of our late lamented Grand Master, I had the honor and pleasure of dedicating and consecrating two new Lodges, viz: Blyth Lodge, No. 313, Blyth; and Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Smith's Hill, at which latter ceremony I was assisted by W. Bros. Miller and Beck, Past Masters of Goderich Lodge, and other brethren from that Town, and at the former, the W. M. of Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth, W. Bro. H. L. Vereoe, and R. W. Bro. D. M. Malloch, Grand Registrar rendered me great assistance, to both these W. Brethren, I am indebted for much valued assistance upon this as well as upon many other occasions.

I also had the honor to assist the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, J. K. Kerr, in laying the corner stone of the new Public and High School Building at Walkerton, on the first day of July, instant, which ceremony was ably performed by our Right Worshipful Brother.

I have to congratulate the brethren of Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth, upon the completion of their new Lodge room, its beauty, the elegance of its furnishings, and the convenience of the ante rooms are a credit to them, and to the Craft generally.

I have granted four dispensations during my term of office, three of which were for the brethren to appear in

Masonic clothing at Masonic celebrations, and one to attend the funeral of a deceased brother.

I have been notified of the suspension of several brethren, belonging to various Lodges throughout the District, for non-payment of dues, and of the suspension for unmasonic conduct of Bro. Joseph Millar of Goderich Lodge, No. 33.

I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing my opinion, that if the several Lodges were more particular in the collection of their dues, and properly enforcing their By-laws, fewer reports for suspension for non-payment of dues would be the result.

The appeal of Bro. R. Tait Scott, to the Board of General Purposes against his suspension by Forest Lodge, No 162, Wroxeter, referred by that Board to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and by him handed to me, I have investigated as thoroughly as I have been able to do thus far. I visited the village of Wingham, where the parties to the appeal reside, and took down a great deal of evidence, but owing to its unsatisfactory nature, and the difficulty of obtaining it; owing to the reluctance of outside parties to give any information, and the unfortunate partizan views of many of the brethren in that locality, I am unable at present to make my report to the Board, and will have to leave my successor to complete what I have commenced.

In conclusion I have the deepest pleasure and satisfaction in reporting that Masonry in the Huron District, has been and is making rapid strides towards an equality with Masonry in older Districts, and to-day in the exemplification of the work prescribed by Grand Lodge rivals the most advanced.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. BENSON,
D. D. G. M., Huron District.

Seaforth, July 12th, A. D., 1875, A. L., 5875.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. Masons of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHERN.—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my report on the state of Masonry in the Wellington District.

The Lodges in this District at present are: Alma, No. 72, Galt; Grand River, No. 151, Berlin; Ayr, No. 172, Ayr; Speed, No. 180, Guelph; St. Alban's, No. 200, Mount Forest; Irvine, No. 203, Elora; New Dominion, No. 205, New Hamburg; Harris, No. 216, Orangeville; Galt, No. 257, Galt; Guelph, No. 258, Guelph; Harriston, No. 262, Harriston; Wellington, No. 271, Erin; New Hope, No. 279, Hespeler; Conestoga, No. 295, Drayton; Preston, No. 297, Preston; Clifford, No. 303, Clifford; Blair, No. 317, Palmerston; Wilmot, No. 318, Baden.

Permit me here to state, from the amount of public duties devolving upon me, and the large district to travel over, I have been unable to visit all the eighteen Lodges in the District; I trust that those Lodges unvisited will not attribute my absence to any apathy; to have visited each and every one, was my fond hope and intention, when I was last year honored with the appointment to the office which I now hold.

My first official act was the constituting of the Clifford Lodge, and installing its officers, on the 17th of August; in which ceremony I was most ably assisted by W. Bros. McLaren, Swan, Cowan and McDonald.

On the 28th of August, the Blair Lodge, Palmerston, was dedicated and consecrated, and the officers installed. Visiting brethren present: R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, W. Bros. Irvine, Nichol, Dalby, McDonald and McLaren. By request, R. W. Bro. Klotz represented the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, in conducting the ceremony, and rendered it in his usually correct and happy manner. I may just say that

under the excellent management of W. Bro. Hyndman, Blair Lodge is doing a good work.

On the 11th of September, I had the pleasure of dedicating and consecrating Wilmot Lodge, Baden, and installing its officers. I was ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Klotz and Hendry; V. W. Bro. Gibson, and W. Bros. Dalby, Morton, Pressprich and Paeckert.

I installed the officers of Speed Lodge, Guelph, assisted by W. Bros. Worsfold, Bish and McDonald; also the officers of Conestogo Lodge, Drayton, assisted by W. Bro. Chisholm, of Antiquity Lodge, Montreal; and W. Bro. McDonald, of Irvine Lodge, Elora; and the officers of Irvine Lodge, Elora, assisted by W. Bro. Tytler, of St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, and W. Bro. McDonald.

Applications were received for dispensations to appear in public, clothed in Masonic regalia, from the following Lodges, viz: Irvine, No. 203; Speed, No. 180; Alma, 72; New Dominion, No. 205; Harris, No. 216; all of which were forwarded to await the pleasure of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master.

It is gratifying to be in a position to state that harmony prevails throughout the District. A few complaints have been brought before me of irregularities and disputes, but in all cases I have been able to arrange them satisfactorily. W. Bro. Henderson materially assisted in removing difficulties that had existed between the members of a certain Lodge, for some time, and in restoring harmony and brotherly love.

The remainder of the business in connection with the past is not of much importance, being confined to the alteration of the By-laws of some Lodges, which received the sanction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

I am happy to be able to say that no death has been reported to me in the District.

The sorrow felt throughout the District by the brethren upon learning of the deaths of the Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary, and of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, W. M. Wilson, was universal; and many among us will remember in after years with sadness, the breaking of some of the old ties which connected us with the organization of our Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, I would thank those Lodges which I have been able to visit, for the kind manner in which I was received by them; and also the several Lodges in the District for the honor conferred in electing me to the high and important office; and I trust their choice of a successor may result in the election of one who will be able to devote more time and fill the office more satisfactorily, than it has been in my power to do.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. SAVAGE, M. D.
D. D. G. M., Wellington District.

Elora, June 30th, 1875.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton District.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District during the past year, and have pleasure in reporting that prosperity generally has attended them, and that they are governed by able and zealous brethren.

There are now fourteen warranted Lodges in the District, and two under dispensation, having a present total membership of 1,130.

On the 21st December last, I had the pleasure of formally opening the Hiram Lodge, 317 Dundas, and installing the officers named in the warrant.

I have visited this Lodge as also Valley Lodge in the

same Town more recently, and am glad to find that the differences that existed for sometime amongst the brethren there, have almost entirely disappeared.

United effort is being made to secure a more suitable Lodge room, and arrangements are nearly completed for that purpose.

During my absence in England last summer, the brethren of the Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton, very kindly arranged for a pleasing surprise for me on my return; for shortly after my return, at a regular meeting of the Lodge, I was greatly honored by being presented with a very handsome Past Masters Jewel in solid gold, richly chased and embellished.

On the 12th May last, I had the pleasure on behalf of the brethren of Hamilton, of presenting handsome testimonials to V. W. Bro. Richard Brierley and Bro. J. M. Meakins, upon whom, as members of the Furnishing Committee, had devolved the greater part of the labor in preparing the various rooms in the new Masonic Hall, for the use of the Lodges and other Masonic Bodies.

V. W. Bro. Brierley, was presented with a very fine gold hunting lever watch, with a heavy gold chain and keystone appended, and Bro. Meakins was the recipient of a handsome French gilt sixteen day clock, with stand and shade.

During the year one eminent brother in this District has been called from his labors. R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, for nearly twenty years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, who died on the 18th of August last.

The public and private virtues possessed in so eminent a degree by our late Right Worshipful Brother, and the immeasurable loss that the craft generally have sustained by his death, will, I doubt not, be fittingly and eloquently described by the Acting Grand Master in his address to Grand Lodge.

It only remains for me to add, that the great sorrow which

all feel at his departure from us, forever in this world, is, if possible, more poignant still with those, who like myself, have had the privilege and the happiness, for some years, to take sweet counsel with him and enjoy his pleasant company day by day; and to assist him in the labors that have brought forth such good fruits, but which, alas! have mainly caused his removal from us.

Ever since my appointment to the position that he so worthily filled, I have felt how peculiarly he was fitted for the work he loved so well; and how far short my efforts have been, earnest and zealous though I have tried to be, to follow in his footsteps.

During the past year dispensations have been granted for two new Lodges in my District: one at Acton, in the county of Halton, named "Walker" Lodge; and one at Hamilton, named "Temple" Lodge.

The Lodge at Acton has done a very fair amount of work during the year, is held in a suitable room neatly furnished, and has sufficient territory to amply insure its success.

The new Lodge at Hamilton has started under the most favorable auspices, and is bound to succeed in that rapidly advancing city.

I embrace this opportunity of publicly thanking the brethren throughout the District for the unvarying kindness and courtesy shown to me during the two years that I have filled the office of D. D. G. M.

J. J. MASON,

Hamilton, 1st July, 1875.

D. D. G. M., Hamilton District.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN.—I beg respectfully to submit my report of the proceedings and the state of Masonry in the Niagara District.

There are now twenty Lodges in the District, and having visited seventeen of them during the past year, I am happy

to state, that with one exception, these Lodges are working well and harmoniously, and in accordance with the ritual of our Grand Lodge.

On September 15th, 1874, at Ridgeway, at the request of the late Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilson, I had the honor of performing the interesting ceremony of laying the base or foundation stone of a tablet with Masonic ceremonies, which was erected "in memoriam" to those volunteers who had fallen there. On that occasion I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. I. P. Willson, P. D. D. G. M., of the Niagara District, and many other distinguished brethren of the craft.

The R. W. the present Acting Grand Master, having been pleased to issue a dispensation for a new Lodge in the village of Jarvis, called King Solomon's Lodge, I attended on the 14th of May last and opened the Lodge; and from my personal knowledge of the ability of the W. M. and the other officers, I have no hesitation in recommending that a warrant be granted by the Grand Lodge to those brethren.

During the year, I have granted three dispensations for festivals and public processions. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, celebrated last St. John's day by holding a pic-nic, at which V. W. Bro. King delivered a lecture on Freemasonry, for which the brethren feel deeply indebted.

Since the last annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, we have to deplore and lament the death of our late most revered Grand Master Wilson, and R. W. Bro T. B. Harris, late Grand Secretary, whose long and faithful services will, I have no doubt, be fully appreciated by this Grand Lodge.

I have also to report the death of a distinguished brother, R. W. Bro. Robert Wilson, P. D. D. G. M., of Niagara District; he being well known and deservedly esteemed as an able and zealous Mason. His death was deeply regretted and lamented by those who knew him. I would respectfully recommend that a page in the next proceedings of Grand Lodge be devoted "in memoriam" to our departed brother.

I have given some decisions on subjects brought before me

by the different Lodges which I officially visited, but none of particular importance to be mentioned.

In my official visits I have been received with the greatest kindness and courtesy by the brethren in this District. I take this opportunity of returning my warmest thanks to the different Lodges for the kind and fraternal manner in which I have always been received by them.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

Caledonia, 12th July, 1875.

D. E. BRODERICK,
D. D. G. M., Niagara District.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the R. W. the Acting Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada,

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In submitting my Report on the Condition of Masonry in the Toronto District, I have much pleasure in being able to state that nothing has occurred during the year to stop its onward course, and the District continues to increase in number, and I trust in usefulness.

Dispensations have been granted to three Lodges, all of which give promise of future prosperity, and one, the Zetland of Toronto, has commenced its career under unusually distinguished auspices.

Pressure of other business on my time has prevented my visiting all the Lodges, but of the 43 in the District, I have been enabled to visit personally over three-fourths, and have pleasure in testifying to the general correctness of the work.

Peace and harmony have generally prevailed. Only one serious complaint has been brought before me for adjudication. The evidence, together with my finding, and the other papers in this matter have been left with the Grand Secretary to be filed among the Records of Grand Lodge.

The hand of death has been unusually light during the year among the brethren of the District. Only one that has come to my knowledge, calls for notice: that of W. Bro.

Jacob Snyder, one of the oldest Masons in the District, and a P. M. of York Lodge, of which, (as well as of St. Andrew's, Toronto,) he had for many years been an honorary member.

All which is fraternally submitted.

Toronto, 10th July, 1875.

R. P. STEPHENS,
D. D. G. M., Toronto District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the R. W. the Acting Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the Constitution, it affords me pleasure to submit the Annual Report of the condition of Masonry in the Ontario District, for the past Masonic year.

During the year I have been enabled to visit nearly all the Lodges in the District, and am glad to say that I have found them, with few exceptions, in a most prosperous and flourishing condition; such exceptions being Lodges whose chief officer is unfitted for the position he holds, arising either from carelessness or indifference to the important duties devolving on him. The only remedy my experience suggests, and three years as D. D. G. M. of this large District has afforded me ample opportunities for observation, is that the present method of installing brethren elected to the onerous position of W. M. of a Lodge, be so changed that Past Masters shall not install a W. M. elect until his name has been submitted to, and the consent of the D. D. G. M. has been first obtained, the authority of Grand Lodge being given to D. D. G. Masters to require a W. M. elect to visit his place of residence for the purpose of undergoing an examination prior to such installation, if deemed advisable. This course is followed in the establishment of new Lodges, and why not in the installation of W. Masters elected subsequently? I would strongly urge upon Grand Lodge the necessity of some action such as above recommended, as, I have no doubt, that inquiry will lead to D. D. G. Masters of other Districts bearing me out in the statement that this

is one of the most difficult features to deal with at the present time in connection with our Lodges. I have in more than one instance visited Lodges which were worked well one year, and in the following year have been surprised to find everything in connection with the work of the Lodge in a deplorable state of confusion, in consequence of the installation of a W. M. who neither knows nor cares what his duties are, so long as he can secure the coveted honor of being entitled to a seat in the East. This is the class of Masters who, when the D. D. G. M. visits the Lodge, hand him the gavel prior to opening, and request him to perform that simple ceremony, stating that they have not yet been able to get themselves "posted."

It is gratifying to be able to state, that during the whole year the greatest harmony has prevailed with the Lodges throughout the District; not a single complaint having been formally brought before me. In a few instances trivial difficulties have been communicated to me, which have been amicably adjusted in accordance with my recommendation. One case referred to me by the M. W. the Grand Master was settled in like manner.

The correspondence has been considerable, involving constitutional explanations and very many questions in Masonic jurisprudence, which I have disposed of to the best of my ability.

On my recommendation, a dispensation was issued in December last, for a new Lodge at Orono, called Orono Lodge, W. Bro. W. T. Lockhart, P. M., Durham Lodge, Newcastle, being the first W. M., under whose skilful care I am glad to say, it is prospering in a much better manner than I at first anticipated. I am satisfied that the Lodge has a good field for its operations, and therefore recommend that a warrant be issued confirming it.

On the 21st May last, after considerable correspondence with the R. W. the Acting Grand Master and the brethren of Lindsay, I had the pleasure of resuscitating King Hiram

Lodge, No. 89, which had been dormant for about twelve years. I am glad to be able to state that, with careful management, it has exceedingly flattering prospects, the W. M., W. Bro. A. H. Melville, being a zealous, bright Mason, who will not allow any effort of his to be wanting to have the Lodge rank with the best in the District.

During the year I have granted nine dispensations, as follows: December 23rd, J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, to attend the funeral of Bro. Burton, same Lodge for festival. December 25th, Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, to attend divine service. December 25th, Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, to attend divine service. December 26th, Ontario Lodge, No. 26, to attend divine service. December 28th, Colborne Lodge, No. 91 to attend a concert. February 18, Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, to attend a festival; same Lodge to attend divine service. June 19, Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, to attend divine service.

I have held Lodges of Instruction during the year at Hastings, Campbellford and Warkworth, interior villages, difficult of access; which were attended by the W. Masters, officers and members of these Lodges, as also from Norwood and other Lodges; the attendance on each occasion being large and the result satisfactory.

I trust the officers and members of the Lodges which I have been unable to visit during the year, will not think that I have at all felt indifferent to their welfare and advancement. I had fully determined to pay an official visit to every Lodge, but found it impossible to so shape my arrangements as to accomplish that object.

I desire again to recommend the division of Ontario District, which extends over five of the largest counties in the Province of Ontario, and numbering twenty-seven Lodges. The extent of territory and number of Lodges precludes one individual from giving the Lodges that personal supervision which they require, in order to keep them up to a proper standard of efficiency.

I cannot close my report without thanking V. W. Bro. E. Peplow, P. M., of Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope; who has ably assisted me in visiting Lodges and performed the duty of District Secretary for the past three years. My thanks are also due to R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. J. Wright, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Dr. Kincaid, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bro. R. J. Winch, W. M., St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg; V. W. Bro. James Miller, Peterboro'; V. W. Bro. John Boyd, Oshawa; and others for their kind assistance in demonstrating the work on several occasions.

In surrendering the office which I have held so long into the hands of the District, I desire to thank those with whom I have come in contact, for their kindly treatment; and beg to assure them that I shall never forget the courteous and warm reception accorded me on all occasions when I have visited Lodges throughout the District. I feel that in justice to myself, I must decline being a candidate for re-election, an honor which has twice been accorded me, private business demanding my constant attention. I shall however, cordially welcome the election of my successor in office, and I assure my brethren that I shall continue to feel a warm interest in all that hereafter concerns the well-being of the Lodges in the Ontario District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Port Hope, July 3rd, 1875.

J. B. TRAYES,
D. D. G. M., Ontario District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and regulations of Grand Lodge, I herewith submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Prince Edward District during the past year.

I am glad to be able to report that the Order throughout

this District is steadily and materially increasing. The only requirement needed being instruction, by which a uniformity of work might be acquired, and the officers of the different Lodges instructed in the *proper work*, for which I see no remedy, until District Deputy Grand Masters are appointed under some different regulations. To properly discharge the duties of District Deputy Grand Master in a District such as the one I have had the honor of presiding over during the past year, necessarily entails an expense of at least \$150 a year, besides a considerable loss of time; a luxury which but few can afford. The result naturally follows that many allow or procure themselves to be elected to the office without any intention of discharging the duties, and the District in consequence suffers for want of this instruction, which the incumbent of the office is *supposed at least* to be able to impart.

This matter having been so often referred to in the reports of District Deputy Grand Masters, and several motions having been made in Grand Lodge to remedy this evil without avail, I feel I would be wasting time in suggesting any remedy.

I have during the year held three Lodges of instruction, at the towns of Belleville, Napanee and Picton respectively, which were largely attended by the brethren of the District, and I was gratified to find on visiting many of the Lodges afterwards a marked improvement in the work.

I had the honor under instruction from our late lamented Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wilson, whose loss we all deplore—to lay the corner stone of St. Paul's Church, Marmora, with Masonic honors; and also under instruction from the Acting Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Kerr, of laying the corner stone of St. George's Church, Belleville; both of which ceremonies were attended by a large number of the Craft.

I granted the usual dispensations to the brethren of the District to appear at funerals, and other proper places in Masonic regalia.

I have to express my gratitude to the brethren throughout the District for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me on all occasions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. S. LAZIER,

Belleville, 12th July, 1875..

D.D.G.M., Prince Edward District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT.

To the R. W. the acting Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—As D. D. G. M. for the St. Lawrence District for the past year, I respectfully beg leave to submit my report.

No occurrence calling for special mention has taken place in the St. Lawrence District during the past Masonic year. I have been unable to visit all the Lodges within my jurisdiction during my year of office, but am glad to be able to report that all those visited were working in accordance with the established ritual, and in perfect harmony.

I was applied to for, and granted Dispensations to celebrate St. John's Day, Sunday, 27th December last, by appearing clothed as Masons at divine service, to the following Lodges :

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall, to attend Trinity Church ; Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburgh, to attend service at Morrisburgh—sermon to be preached by Bro. the Rev. John Davidson ; and to Leeds Lodge, No. 201, to attend divine worship in Christ Church (Episcopal) at Gananoque.

The deaths of the following brethren, and their burial with Masonic honors, have been reported to me :

Bro. George Anderson, Secretary of Ancient St. John's, No. 3, who died on 15th January, 5875 ; Bro. Richard Watt, also of Ancient St. John's, who died at Brockville, and was buried at Kingston on the 12th day of April ; Bro. Walter Wickwire, of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, who died on the

26th of August, 5874; and Bro. Stephen Merrick, of the same Lodge, who died on 30th April, 5875.

An application for a new Lodge, to be called the "Hiram," and to be holden on Wolfe Island, in the county of Frontenac, has been made, but the W. M. designated has not as yet presented himself for examination (though notified to do so), and the matter at present remains in abeyance.

I have received a letter from the acting Secretary of the brethren of Wolfe Island, asking me whether "there is anything in the laws of Grand Lodge that would prevent us from applying to Government for an incorporation for the purpose of simplifying the mode of borrowing money on the Hall and premises"

I have a very decided opinion as regards the Masonic propriety of such a course; but there not being, so far as I am aware, any expressed opinion on the part of Grand Lodge, and in view of the late Act of the legislature of Ontario regarding such incorporations, I think it well to mention the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. S. KIRKPATRICK,

Kingston, 12th July, 1875.

D.D.G.M., St. Lawrence District.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

To the Right Worshipful, the Acting Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—As District Deputy Grand Master for Ottawa District, I have the honor to submit the following Report:—

One of my first official acts during my tenure of office, was the granting a Dispensation to the brethren of Doric Lodge, No. 58 of Ottawa, to attend in Masonic Regalia, a moonlight excursion down the Ottawa River under the auspices of the above mentioned Lodge; the proceeds of which, were to be devoted to the aid of the Protestant

Hospital of Ottawa. The excursion took place on the 27th of August last, was largely attended and the sum realized for the benefit of the Hospital, after paying all expenses, amounted to two hundred dollars.

Owing to the urgent pressure of my professional duties, and to the illness and death of two members of my family, a brother and sister, I have been unable to visit all the Lodges in the District; but, having visited a large number of them, I can confidently state that the condition of Masonry in this section is eminently satisfactory. It is gratifying also to be able to say that on the occasion of each official visit, the utmost harmony has been manifest, and in no instance has anything occurred to mar the pleasure of my visit. Several matters have been referred to me for my official opinion and in every case my decision has been received with the utmost deference and respect.

Enterprise Lodge, No. 310, of Beachburg, was constituted and its officers installed on the 18th of November last. A recent bereavement to which I have already referred prevented my attendance, and I was most kindly and ably represented on the occasion by R. W. Bro. White, our Grand Senior Warden. I am pleased to be able to state that the progress of this, the youngest Lodge in the District, has been very encouraging.

On the 5th of February, I attended a Lodge of Sorrow held in the Ottawa Lodge Room by the brethren of the City Lodges, to evince their respect to the memory of our late M. W. Grand Master, and R. W. Grand Secretary. There was a large attendance of brethren from the City and Country, and the ceremonies conducted by and under the direction of R. W. Bro. Barber, P. D. D. G. M., were most solemnly and impressively performed.

During the year I installed the officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Mississippi, No. 147, and Eureka, No. 248.

The corner stone of a new Baptist Church was laid with Masonic ceremonies in Pembroke, on the 25th of May, but

owing to the late hour at which the notification was received, I was unable to make arrangements to be present.

Only one death has been reported to me: that of Bro. James Richey, of Eureka Lodge, No. 248, who died on the 19th of April.

I cannot close my report without thanking the brethren throughout the District for the kindness and courtesy with which I have invariably been treated, and with the heartiest good wishes to my successor in office, I now resign my trust into their hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Pakenham, July 2nd, 1875.

JOHN W. PICKUP,
D. D. G. M., Ottawa District.

MANITOBA.

To the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit the following as my report on the condition of Masonry in the Province of Manitoba.

I have during my term of office, visited all the Lodges in this District, and am happy to report them in a satisfactory condition and working according to the ritual laid down by Grand Lodge. Owing to the large influx of immigration the Lodges in Winnipeg have been greatly increased in numbers, and are in a particularly flourishing condition.

I regret to have to report the death of W. Bro. Thomas Bunn, immediate Past Master of Lisgar Lodge, No. 244. He was buried with Masonic honors. I granted a dispensation for the brethren to attend his funeral in Masonic clothing.

On the 15th of April, I received a petition signed by the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the several Lodges in the District, requesting me to call a meeting of the signers, for the purpose of taking into consideration the welfare of the craft in the Province.

In compliance with the prayer of the petition, I issued a summons calling such meeting to be held in Winnipeg on the 28th April.

The meeting was accordingly held and was well attended, and after many hours deliberation regarding the interests of the craft, it was decided to assemble a convention to be held at the same place, on the 12th of May, for a like purpose; and further, to proceed to the formation an independent Grand Lodge if so decided.

The convention was accordingly held, and was attended by duly delegated representatives from the three Lodges in the Province; and after mature deliberation it was agreed that the best interests of the craft required the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Province. A Grand Lodge was accordingly formed, officers installed, committees struck, &c., and the necessary routine business disposed of.

I herewith beg to hand you a printed pamphlet, in which which will be found a full, correct and official account of the proceedings of the convention.

From the beginning I opposed the formation of a Grand Lodge for many reasons; amongst them, deeming it my duty to the Grand Lodge which I had the honor to represent; but finding it to be so earnestly and unanimously the desire of the members of the craft in the Province to form a Grand Lodge, and my objections being met by good and reasonable arguments, showing that such a step would greatly conduce to the welfare of the craft, I withdrew my opposition and allowed matters to take their course.

I trust that Grand Lodge will perceive the step taken by their brethren in Manitoba, to be really conducive to the welfare of the craft in the Province; and I would add my recommendation to their prayer to Grand Lodge for recognition. I further beg to assure Grand Lodge that the Manitoba Masons were actuated by a sincere desire to advance the interests of the craft; that the Grand Lodge of Canada is held in high esteem by them; and that it is not

without feelings of regret that they part from their mother Grand Lodge.

I beg further to state that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba conferred upon me the rank of Past Grand Master. I take it that this was done as a mark of respect to your Grand Lodge, rather than as a personal compliment.

All respectfully submitted.

Mapleton, 24th June, 1875.

GEO. BLACK,
D. D. G. M., Province of Manitoba.

The foregoing Reports were referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon to this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes beg to present this their annual report.

The annual meeting was held in the town of St. Catharines, on Tuesday, the 9th day of February last.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer were carefully audited, together with the accounts, statements and vouchers for the financial year ending 31st December, 1874, and the Board have much pleasure in reporting that they were found correct.

The receipts and expenditure were as follows:

RECEIPTS.	1873.	1874.
Certificates.	\$3,502 00	\$3,446 00
Dues	6,490 01	6,985 00
Fees.....	2,176 50	2,272 00
Dispensations.....	526 00	549 00
Warrants.....	220 00	190 00
Constitutions.....	605 23	625 48
Proceedings.....	12 75	2 63
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	\$13,532 49	\$14,070 11

EXPENDITURE.

General Expenses.....	\$1,612 11
Salaries.....	2,125 00
Expenses, Board of General Purposes	1,067 33
Testimonials.....	930 00
Reprinting Proceedings.....	921 00
Sufferers by inundation, Louisiana.....	200 00
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	\$6,855 44

10 Per cent. of Receipts of 1873 carried to Benevolent Fund, Investment acct.....	1,353 25
Voted by Gr. Lodge to Benevolent Fund, Current - Account.....	3,000 00
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	\$11,208 69

Leaving a surplus on transactions of 1874 of..... \$2,861 42

The interest on Dominion Stock and Bank Deposits amounted to \$2630.06, which amount was carried to the credit of Benevolent Fund, current account.

The funds belonging to Grand Lodge are invested as follows:

Dominion Stock bearing 6 per cent.....	\$24,000 00
“ “ “ “	6,200 00
“ “ “ 5 per cent.....	10,000 00
Bank of Toronto, Asylum Fund account.....	252 39
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Simcoe	16,441 54
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	\$56,893 93

Which represents the credit of the following accounts:

General Fund.....	\$33,129 32
Asylum Fund.....	6,452 39
Benevolent Fund, Investment account.....	15,079 20
“ current account.....	2,233 02
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	\$56,893 93

The Board have not had the accounts of the Asylum Fund Committee before them, and have not, therefore, had an opportunity of auditing them. They would recommend that in future the Asylum Trust Committee be required to

send their accounts and vouchers to the annual meeting of the Board for audit.

The Board having examined the following accounts and found them to be correct, have ordered their payment:

Lawson, McCulloch & Co., Printing....	\$827 25
Funeral account of the late Grand Master Wilson....	360 39
Medical attendance " " "	220 00
Funeral expenses of the late Grand Secretary Harris	476 05
Buntin, Gillies & Co., paper for reprinting proceedings	647 50
Buntin, Gillies & Co., incidentals Grand Secretary's office.....	36 40
Ennis & Stirton, Printing	13 00
E. & C. Gurney, Stove, etc.....	35 95
Hamilton Gas Company	5 50
R. Butcher, Carpenter work.....	20 10
Henry Harding, Gas fitting	14 85
Murton & Reid, Coal	22 37
Copp, Clark & Co., Printing certificates on parchment	292 90
Grand Treasurer, Postage account	4 00
W. W. Summers, Repairs	4 50
F. Mudge, Travelling expenses	4 00
J. J. Mason, for balancing books and back work of late Grand Secretary.....	200 00
Lawson, McCulloch & Co., Rent of late Grand Secretary's office.....	50 00
T. & R. White, Printing	14 25
W. Bruce, Engrossing Warrants	12 75
Late Grand Secretary, incidentals.....	52 57
J. J. Mason, Acting Grand Secretary, incidentals.....	167 72
	\$3,482 05

The Board regret to find that their recommendation to invest \$5,000, adopted by Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, has not been complied with, and they now beg to recommend that that amount, as well as an additional sum of 5,000 be at once invested in government securities, and they further recommend that as soon as the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer shall at any time reach the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, an additional \$5,000 be invested.

The Board have under consideration an application from

R. W. Bro. Groff, Grand Treasurer, asking the consent of the Board for the transfer of the account of Grand Lodge from the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the Federal Bank and regret that (though they wish to gratify R. W. Bro. Groff,) they cannot sanction the removal at the present time.

With reference to the application of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, L'stowel, for aid, and Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Belle Ewart, for a loan, the Grand Lodge has established a rule that its funds cannot be granted for the purposes mentioned.

The Board regret to find that there are a great many Lodges in arrears and beg to recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify them, that unless they are in good standing at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, action will have to be taken.

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board are again indebted to R. W. Bro. Klotz, the zealous and worthy chairman of the sub-committee on Benevolence, for the report and tabulated statements submitted herewith.

The Board have had under consideration the several applications for relief, and after due consideration made the following appropriations to be paid from the funds of Benevolence:

No.	To whom granted.	Amount.	Through whom payable.
1	Toronto Board of Relief	\$150	Bro. James S. Spooner.
2	Hamilton " "	75	R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason,
3	London " "	75	W. Bro. H. A. Baxter,
4	Kingston " "	50	Bro. L. Clements,
5	Bro. D.....	30	Bro. James S. Spooner,
6	Bro. A.	20	" "
7	Mrs. O.....	20	" "
8	Mrs. H....	20	" "
9	Mrs. K.....	15	" "
10	Mrs. H.....	15	" "
11	Mrs. K	20	" "

12 Mrs. D.....	20	Bro. James S. Spooner,
13 Mrs. G.....	15	“ “
14 Mrs. McG.....	10	“ “
15 Bro. P.....	30	“ “
16 Bro. M.....	20	“ “
17 Mrs. Q.....	15	R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason,
18 Mrs. S.....	15	“ “ “
19 Mrs. D.....	20	“ “ “
20 Mrs. B.....	20	“ “ “
21 Mrs. P.....	20	“ “ “
22 Mrs. P.....	25	“ “ “
23 Mrs. P.....	30	“ “ “
24 Mrs. A.....	25	“ “ “
25 Mrs. S.....	20	“ “ “
26 Bro. McP.....	25	“ “ “
27 Mrs. McI.....	20	W. Bro. H. A. Baxter,
28 Mrs. T.....	15	“ “
29 Mrs. W.....	20	“ “
30 Mrs. G.....	25	“ “
31 Mrs. W.....	20	“ “
32 Mrs. A.....	20	Bro. L. Clements,
33 Mrs. J.....	30	“ “
34 Mrs. W.....	20	W. M. King Solomon Lodge, 43
35 Bro. F.....	30	W. M. Oxford Lodge, 76
36 Bro. M.....	25	W. M. King Solomon Lodge, 43
37 Bro. K.....	30	R. W. Bro. I. P. Willson,
38 Mrs. H.....	25	R. W. Bro. Allan McLean,
39 Mrs. M.....	20	R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson,
40 Bro. O'C.....	20	“ “ “
41 Bro. T.....	20	R. W. Bro. Vincent Clement.
42 Bro. N.....	20	W. M. Corinthian Lodge, 101
43 Mrs. S.....	25	R. W. Bro. Robert Kincaid,
44 Mrs. H.....	20	R. W. Bro. F. Richardson.
45 Bro. S.....	20	W. M. Union Lodge, 9.
46 Mrs. M.....	30	W. M. Madawaska Lodge, 196.
47 Mrs. M.....	25	“ “ “ “
48 Mrs. B.....	20	R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller.
49 Mrs. C.....	25	R. W. Bro. Jas. Reynolds.

50 Mrs. C	20	W. M. Merrickville Lodge, 55.
51 Bro. J.....	25	W. M. Clinton Lodge, 84.
52 Mrs. M	20	W. M. Thistle Lodge, 250.
53 Bro. I.....	40	W. M. New Dom'n Lodge, 205.
54 Orphans of Bro. F....	30	W. M. Colborne Lodge, 91.
55 Mrs. McC.....	30	W. M. St. James' Lodge, 74.
56 Mrs. B	20	W. M. Plattsville Lodge, 178.
57 Bro. F	25	V. W. Bro. Thos. Aishton.
58 Mrs. P	30	W. M. P. of Wales Lodge, 171.
59 Bro. K.....	20	W. M. Irvine Lodge, 154.
60 Bro. B	20	W. M. Lebanon Lodge, 139.
61 Mrs. H	30	R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz.
62 Bro. S.....	30	W. M. Doric Lodge, 121.
63 Mrs. P	20	W. M. Kerr Lodge, 230.
64 Mrs. T	20	Bro. R. Armour, Bowmanville.
65 Bro. W.....	50	R. W. Bro. John E. Harding.
66 Bro. S.....	25	W. M. Hastings Lodge, 150.
67 Mrs. G	20	R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell.
68 Mrs. W.....	40	R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves.
69 Mrs. W.....	20	R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.

\$1,860

The application of Bro. David Blakely has been rejected, the applicant not being considered worthy of relief.

The grant made last July to Bro. Lambeth Cowel was not paid over to him, he having died before the money could reach him. It is therefore recommended that R. W. Bro. Allan McLean be authorized to pay over the money to the son of the deceased brother, that son having been at great expense by reason of the sickness and death of his father and not able to bear that expense.

The Board having taken into consideration the cases of the widow and eldest daughter of our lamented late Grand Master, and of the widow and daughters of our lamented late Grand Secretary, granted, as a temporary relief, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars each, to the widow and eldest daughter of the late M. W. Grand Master Wilson, and

the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to the widow and daughters of the late R. W. Grand Secretary T. B. Harris.

The following returns have been received from the local Boards of Relief as at the 31st December, 1874:

TORONTO BOARD OF RELIEF.

Balance on hand from last return	\$ 319 10
Direct grant from Grand Lodge.....	200 00
Special grants from Grand Lodge to individual applicants.....	350 00
Total receipts from private Lodges.....	766 40
“ “ “ “ Chapters	120 00
Interest	13 25
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	\$1768 75
Total paid for relief, &c.....	832 85
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Balance on hand.....	935 90

In addition to the above—

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, has expended in charity \$	50 00
King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22... ..	45 00
Stevenson Lodge, Mo. 218.....	76 00
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	\$ 171 00

HAMILTON BOARD OF RELIEF.

Direct grant from Grand Lodge.....	\$ 100 00
Special grants from Grand Lodge to individual applicants.....	105 00
Total receipts from private Lodges	26 00
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	\$ 231 00
Total paid for relief, &c	213 67
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Balance on hand.....	17 33

LONDON BOARD OF RELIEF.

Balance on hand from last return	\$ 11 60
Received from Grand Lodge.....	100 00
“ “ Private Lodges.....	145 00
Loan returned.....	16 00
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	\$ 272 60
Total paid for relief and funerals.....	253 53
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Balance on hand.....	19 07

KINGSTON BOARD OF RELIEF.

Balance on hand from last return.....	\$	36	79
Received from Grand Lodge.....		50	00
“ “ City Lodges.....		85	75
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	\$	172	54
Total paid for Relief.....		96	50
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Balance on hand.....	\$	76	04

JURISPRUDENCE.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to present the following report of certain questions which have arisen and have been submitted for their consideration and opinion:

1. The jurisdiction of a Lodge extends half way to the nearest Lodge in a direct or air line, (see Sec. 3 of proposing members).

2. A member of a Lodge who has been a Master of another Lodge and properly returned, is entitled to his rank according to seniority, both in Grand Lodge and in the Lodge with which he is affiliated, (see Sections 6 of Masters of Lodges, 7 of Grand Lodge, and 28 of Private Lodges).

CONCLUSION.

The Board cannot close this, their annual report, without expressing their acknowledgements to the brethren of St. Catharines for the cordial hospitality extended to them during their meeting in that town.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES K. KERR.

President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the annual report of the Board be received.

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, chairman of the sub-committee on Benevolence, gave notice, that on to-morrow he will apply to Grand Lodge for the sum of \$2500, to be taken from the

General Funds, and transferred to the fund of Benevolence current account.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on the

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to present the following report on the Condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada :

The reports of the D. D. G. Masters of St. Clair, London, Wilson, Huron, Wellington, Hamilton, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, St. Lawrence and Ottawa Districts have been examined, and your Board have again the pleasure of reporting that Masonry continues to progress steadily throughout all the districts, that harmony prevails, that the condition of the private Lodges is very satisfactory, uniformity of work is being rapidly arrived at, and few causes of complaint found, which are usually easily adjusted.

The D. D. G. Masters have in general very faithfully performed the duties of their very laborious offices, some having visited all the Lodges in their respective districts, and the others nearly all. The immense benefit derived from their services during late years, will be easily seen by those who have read the reports, or who, some years since, knew the loose manner in which the affairs of many of the Lodges were conducted.

Lodges of instruction have been held in three Districts and have been numerously attended, the meetings having been most interesting and useful to those attending.

A number of dispensations for new Lodges have been granted during the year, and in most of the cases the D. D. G. Masters recommend that warrants be granted to them.

It was intended that the reports of the D. D. Grand Masters should be printed and ready for distribution at the commencement of this Grand Lodge, but from the neglect of the D. D. G. Masters to comply with the requirements of the

Constitution, hardly any of them sending in their reports at the time required, it was found impossible. It is a matter of great regret that the reports are not in earlier, so that members of Grand Lodge could have an opportunity of considering the various suggestions which their experience enables them to make for the improvement of the practical working of Constitution and the general advancement of Masonry in the several Districts.

A report has been received from the D. D. G. M. of Manitoba, stating that a new Grand Lodge for Manitoba has been formed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,
President G. of B. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Condition of Masonry be received.

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report on

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have had under consideration a very large number of applications for assistance, and after due consideration made the following appropriations, to be paid from the funds of Benevolence at the disposal of the Board, viz.:

No.	To whom granted.	Amount.	Through whom payable.
1	Toronto B'rd of Relief	\$250	Bro. James S. Spooner,
2	Hamilton " "	100	R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason,
3	London " "	75	W. Bro. H. A. Baxter,
4	Guelph " "	50	Bro. H. D. Morehouse,
5	Mrs. G.....	30	Bro. James S. Spooner,
6	Mrs. O.....	25	" "
7	Mrs. K.....	30	" "
8	Mrs. K.....	20	" "
9	Mrs. D.....	20	" "
10	Mrs. G.....	25	" "
11	" G.....	10	" "

12	"	D.....	30	Bro. James S. Spooner,
13	"	J.....	30	" "
14	Bro.	P.....	30	" "
15	"	A.....	25	" "
16	"	M.....	20	" "
17	"	H.....	35	" "
18	Mrs.	Q.....	25	W. M. Valley Lodge, 100.
19	"	B.....	30	" St. Clair Lodge, 135.
20	"	P.....	30	" Credit Lodge, 219.
21	"	W.....	30	" White Oak Lodge, 198.
22	Orphans of Bro.	C...	30	W. Bro. H. A. Baxter.
23	Mrs.	McD.....	25	" "
24	"	McI.....	25	" "
25	"	W.....	20	" "
26	"	T.....	20	" "
27	"	G.....	25	" "
28	"	W.....	30	" "
29	Bro.	G.....	25	" "
30	Mrs.	J.....	40	W. Bro. G. M. Wilkinson.
31	"	A.....	20	" "
32	"	E.....	25	R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier.
33	Bro.	O'C.....	20	" "
34	Mrs.	M.....	20	" "
35	Bro.	S.....	25	" "
36	Mrs.	McG.....	25	W. M. Peterboro' Lodge, 155.
37	"	S.....	40	" Corinthian Lodge, 101.
38	"	H.....	40	R. W. Bro. Vincent Clementi.
39	Bro.	T.....	20	" "
40	"	N.....	20	W. M. Corinthian Lodge, 101.
41	Mrs.	C.....	25	W. M. Composite Lodge, 30.
42	"	G.....	40	" " " "
43	"	C.....	25	" " " "
44	"	T.....	25	V. W. Bro. John M. Clement.
45	Bro.	C.....	50	" " " "
46	Mrs.	H.....	20	W. M. Union Lodge, 9.
47	Bro.	S.....	20	" " " "
48	Mrs.	G.....	30	" True Britons' Lodge, 14.
49	"	G.....	30	" " " "

50	"	B	30	W. Bro. George Mansfield.
51	"	F	30	W. M. Parthenon Lodge, 267.
52	Orphan of Bro. T		20	" Albion Lodge, 80.
53	Bro. G		50	W. Bro. George Mansfield.
54	Mrs. W.		40	R. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes.
55	Bro. B		30	" " " "
56	Mrs. J		25	" " " "
57	"	M	40	R. W. Bro. John W. Pickup.
58	"	C	25	R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz.
59	Bro. M.		25	W. M. Brant Lodge, 45.
60	Mrs. A.		25	" Gold'n Rule, Lodge, 126.
61	"	R.	50	" St. John's Lodge, 82.
62	"	R.	30	" P. of Wales Lodge, 146.
63	"	H.	25	" Zurich Lodge, 224.
64	Bro. F.		25	" Maple Leaf Lodge, 119.
65	Mrs. T		20	Bro. R. Armour, Bowmanville.
66	"	K.	40	W. M. Irving Lodge, 154.
67	"	G	25	" St. Francis Lodge, 24.
68	"	H.	30	" Sharon Lodge, 97.
69	"	M.	20	" Thistle Lodge, 250.
70	"	B.	20	" Plattsville Lodge, 178.
71	Bro. D		30	" North'n Light Lodge, 93.
72	Mrs. Z		30	" Bernard Lodge, 225.
73	Bro. H.		30	" Harris Lodge, 216.
74	"	G	30	" Vaughan Lodge, 54.
75	"	I.	40	" New Dom'n Lodge, 205.
76	Mrs. C		30	" Macoy Lodge, 242.
77	"	S	20	" Lorne Lodge, 282.
78	Bro. McC.		25	" Victoria Lodge, 299.
79	Mrs. H.		20	" Beaver Lodge, 234.
80	"	S	30	" Wellington Lodge, 46.
81	Bro. R		25	" Tuscan Lodge, 99.
82	Mrs. H.		30	" Gt. Western Lodge, 47.
83	Mrs. McD.		30	W. M. Faithful Br Lodge, 77.
84	"	McC.	30	" St. James' Lodge, 74.
85	"	F.	30	" Galt Lodge, 257.
86	Bro. C.		20	" Craig Lodge, 214.
87	Mrs. P.		30	R. W. Bro. Chauncy Bennett.

88	"	M.....	30	W.M. Madawaska Lodge, 196.
99	"	M.....	25	" " "
90	"	K.....	40	R. W. Bro. D. E. Broderick.
91	"	B.....	30	Bro. H. D. Morehouse.
92	St. James Lodge, 73.		50	R. W. Bro. John E. Harding.
93	Mrs. G.....		25	" " C. D. Macdonnell.
94	"	B.....	20	" " W. H. Weller.
95	"	H.....	20	W. M. Norfolk Lodge, 10.
96	"	L.....	20	" Beaver Lodge, 83.
97	"	C.....	20	R. W. Bro. Robert Kemp.
98	"	H.....	30	W. M. Gt. Western Lodge, 38.
99	"	M.....	20	R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.
100	"	S.....	25	" " " "
101	"	P.....	30	" " " "
102	"	A.....	25	" " " "
103	"	P.....	25	" " " "
104	"	D.....	20	" " " "
105	"	H.....	20	" " " "
106	Bro. P.....		25	" " " "
107	Mrs B		30	R. W. Bro. D. McG Malloch.
108	Miss P.....		25	W. Bro. G. W. Wilkinson.
109	Mrs. D.....		50	" " "

\$3,405

The Board having learned that Bro. Thomas Wallace, to whom \$50 was granted at last February meeting of the Board, and payable through R. W. Bro. John E. Harding, of St. Marys, died before the cheque reached him, and St. James' Lodge, No. 73, having been to the expense of \$478.70 for medical and other attendance in connection with the protracted sickness and ultimate death of Bro. Wallace, it is recommended that the said cheque for fifty dollars be ordered to be made payable to St. James' Lodge, No. 73, in assistance to their expense in the premises.

In reference to the application of Mr. Geo B. Carr, of Philadelphia, on behalf of Mrs. Boettger, said to be the widow of a deceased Mason, who is said to have been initiated

in St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, in July 1860, the Board recommend that the matter be referred to St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, to report thereon at next meeting of this Board.

The following returns have been received from the local Boards of Relief, as at 30th June, 1875.

TORONTO BOARD OF RELIEF.

Balance on hand from last return.....	\$ 935 90
Direct grant from Grand Lodge.....	150 00
Special grants from Grand Lodge to individual applicants	235 00
Total receipts from three private Lodges.....	198 60
Returned loan.....	16 00
Interest	10 20
	\$1,545 70
Total paid for Relief, &c.....	1,116 00
	\$ 429 70

HAMILTON BOARD OF RELIEF.

Balance on hand from last return.....	\$ 17 33
Direct grant from Grand Lodge	75 00
Special grants from Grand Lodge to individual applicants.....	155 00
Total receipts from three private Lodges.....	288 72
Collections at Church and proceeds of Pic-nic.....	99 10
Special subscriptions.....	10 00
	\$ 645 15
Total paid for Relief and Funerals.....	467 43
	\$ 177 72

LONDON BOARD OF RELIEF.

Balance on hand from last return.....	\$ 19 07
Direct grant from Grand Lodge.....	75 00
Received from two private Lodges.....	50 00

Special grants from Grand Lodge to individual applicants.....	100 00
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	\$ 244 07
Total paid for Relief and Funerals.....	213 37
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 30 70

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES K. KERR,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

The R. W. the acting Grand Master, presented certain documents from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, including a report of the organization of that Grand Body, and a circular letter asking for recognition and the interchange of representatives, which were received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, on behalf of the Board submitted and read the following semi-annual report on

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows :

That the receipts for the half year ending 30th June, 1875, amounted to \$7,018 97.

The following is the financial position of the Grand Lodge, as on 30th June, 1875 :

ASSETS.

Investments in Stocks.....	\$45,573 33
Bank of Toronto.....	628 99
Canadian Bank of Commerce.	6,614 52
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	\$52,816 84

Representing the following amounts at credit of the various funds, viz:

General Fund.....	\$28,445 55
Benevolent Fund, investment account...	16 486 21
" " current " ...	1,056 09
Masonic Asylum Fund.....	6,828 99
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	\$52,816 84

The Board recommend payment of the following accounts, viz:

Lawson, McCulloch & Co., for Reprint.....	\$574 19
" " " Printing....	102 50
Murton & Reid, for Coal	19 25
Copp, Clark & Co., for Certificates.....	236 24
Richard Haigh, for Registers and Binding	124 35
Ennis & Stirton, for Printing.....	41 50
Northern Assurance, for Premium.....	14 00
James Wishart, for Box for Regalia.....	13 45
Hamilton Masonic Hall, for Rent to 1st July, 1875, 9 months.....	131 25
Grand Secretary, Expenses attending Board at St. Catharines.....	8 25
Grand Secretary, Incidentals.....	175 12
W. T. Ecclestone, Sundries for Grand Master's Funeral.....	7 00
Buntin, Gillies & Co., Stationery.....	9 35
F. Mudge, Balance of Expenses at Board, '74	2 00
Grand Secretary, advance for Incidentals...	150 00
Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, pre- paring Report for 1875	50 00
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	\$1,658 45

In regard to the letter from M. W. Bro. Rob. Morris, P. M. of Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, Jerusalem, Syria, the Board recommend that the request that all fees and dues to 1st of July, 1875, be granted.

In regard to the application from Chaudiere Lodge, No.

264, Ottawa, for a remission of dues for six months ending 30th June, 1875—\$21.50, and fee for duplicate warrant, \$10.00, the Board recommend that the amounts be remitted, that Lodge having lately lost much of its property by fire.

The Board recommend that the application of M. W. Bro. White for interest on the amount granted to the retiring Lodges in Quebec, on their withdrawal from the Grand Lodge of Canada, be granted, and that the sum of \$133.33, for interest, be paid to him as the trustee of the fund.

In regard to the petition of King Hiram Lodge, No. 89, Lindsay, requesting the return of the jewels surrendered by them to Grand Lodge in 1866, there being direct evidence to prove that they were duly received, the Board recommend that they be returned, and in the event of their not being found, that the value of the same be paid over to King Hiram Lodge.

In regard to the correspondence between the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, relative to the change made in the method of depositing the monies received by the Grand Secretary, the Board regret that the Grand Treasurer should have taken umbrage at the action of the Grand Secretary, who only followed the instructions of the Board, and desire to express to him their continued appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him during the past seventeen years, and in order to prevent any future misunderstanding as to the system of keeping the accounts, recommend :

1st. That all monies received by Grand Lodge for fees, dues and interest, and from all other sources, be paid over to the Grand Secretary, and by him entered in the cash book of Grand Lodge.

2nd. That all sums so received by the Grand Secretary shall be deposited by him in the bank with which Grand Lodge keeps its account, receiving therefore a deposit voucher in duplicate, one of which to be forwarded to the Grand Treasurer, and the other to be retained by him.

3rd. That all orders upon the Grand Treasurer shall re-

quire to be endorsed by the party to whose order they are drawn, and in case of grants for benevolent purposes, they shall, in addition, require the endorsement of the brother through whom the grant is made payable.

In reference to the renewed application of R. W. Bro. Groff, Grand Treasurer, for the transfer of the account of Grand Lodge from the Canadian Bank of Commerce, at Simcoe, to the Federal Bank in the same place, the Board are of opinion that it is not desirable to make any change.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by M. W. Bro. James Seymour, and

Resolved,—That the semi-annual report of the Board on Finance be received.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by W. Bro. Samuel Woods, seconded by W. Bro. John Ormiston,

That Article 3, "of proposing members," in the Book of Constitution, be amended by inserting the words, "who shall first obtain the consent of the last named Lodge," next after the words, "unless by dispensation of the Grand Master."

In amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. Spry, seconded by W. Bro J. B. Nixon,

That Article 3 "of proposing members," be still further amended by adding thereto the following words:

"And in places where there are two or more Lodges, the consent of the majority of the said Lodges shall be obtained."

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment, it was declared *lost*.

The original motion on a vote being taken, was also declared *lost*.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by M. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded R. W. Bro. Robert Kemp.

That the following article be added to that part of the Constitution relating to private Lodges :

"That no Brother shall be an ordinary or subscribing member of more than one Lodge in the same City, Town, or incorporated Village."

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken, it was declared in the negative.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Benson, seconded by V. W. Bro. F. J. Menet,

That no Money Grant shall be made on the last day of Grand Lodge, providing the proceedings extend over two days.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken, it was declared in the negative.

In accordance with the notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, seconded by W. Bro. H. L. Vercoe,

That Article 7, "of proposing members," in the Book of Constitution be amended, by striking out all the words after "ballot" and inserting the words "one black ball placed against him" in lieu thereof.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken, it was declared in the negative.

The Acting Grand Secretary, on behalf of R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the report, which was, on motion of M. W. Bro. Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell, received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, gave notice, that on to-morrow he would move that the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge, be held at Ottawa.

R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier, gave notice, that on to-morrow he would move that the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at Toronto.

R. W. Bro. W. D. McGloghlon, gave notice, that on to-morrow he would move that the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at St. Catharines.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, gave notice, that on to-morrow he would move that the office of the Grand Secretary of this Lodge be fixed in the city of Toronto.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments, to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 14th July, A. D. 1875.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8.30 o'clock, P.M.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. Jas. K. Kerr, D. G. M. Acting Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on the

ACTING GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board on entering upon the consideration of the address of the Right Worshipful the Acting Grand Master, join with him in expressing their deepest regret at the great loss sustained by the Craft in the deaths of our late Grand Master and of our late Grand Secretary. To both of these brethren our time-honored Order has been mainly indebted, not only for its marked success, but also for the harmonious working of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Board desire to unite in tendering their sympathies to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on the occasion of the death of the late Grand Master, the Duke of Leinster, and in paying the well earned tribute of respect to the memory of those brethren of this Grand Lodge, who during the past year have been called from their labors, they recommend that memorial pages relating to those members of the Grand Lodge, whose deaths are so feelingly alluded to in the

Acting Grand Master's address, be inserted in the next annual report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is a cause of heartfelt pleasure to the Canadian brethren, and the Board are proud to learn that one who during his visit to Canada deservedly gained such personal popularity has been pleased to accept the exalted position of Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

It is a source of gratification to your Board to find that so many Masonic Halls have been dedicated, showing that the Lodges have materially increased in prosperity, while the fact of the Acting Grand Master having been invited to lay the corner stones of public buildings, affords pleasurable proof that the presence of the Craft is sought for to add dignity and importance to the occasion.

The granting of the several dispensations for new Lodges, and especially the revival of the Lodge so long dormant, show that under the present judicious administration the prospects of our Order are most encouraging, and call for the warmest congratulations of the Board.

The Board learn with much pleasure that R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, has been appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah, near this Grand Lodge, and that R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, has been accredited as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

When the documents necessary for the recognition of the Grand Orient of Hungary, and the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, and of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island are received, this Board will cheerfully support the recommendation of the Acting Grand Master.

Though the Grand Lodge of Manitoba just forwarded, has under its jurisdiction but three Lodges, yet, your Board considering that while the brethren in Manitoba claim to have found a necessity for erecting a Grand Lodge in that sparsely settled county, and as they are the best judges of

their own position, advise that the Grand Lodge of Canada do accord to the new Grand Lodge the right asked for and and extend to them due recognition.

The Board duly recognize the very zealous and efficient manner in which R. W. Bro. Kerr has, since the death of our late lamented Grand Master, discharged the duties not only of that high and responsible office, but also of the position of Deputy Grand Master, and President of the Board of General Purposes; and they also bear testimony to the ability and industry evinced by the Acting Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, in the performance of the many services required of him, services which call for continuous and undivided attention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. HENDERSON,
Chairman Special Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. Bennett, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on the Acting Grand Master's address be received.

R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, on behalf of the Board submitted the following report on

WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that they have made a thorough examination of the minute books and papers forwarded by the various Lodges now working under dispensation mentioned below, and recommend that warrants be granted :

Chesterville Lodge.....	Chesterville, Ont.
Walker “	Acton, “
North Star “	Owen Sound, “
Alvinston “	Alvinston, “
Temple “	Hamilton, “
Orono “	Orono, “

Zetland	Lodge.....	Toronto,	Ont.
The Hammond	“	Wardsville,	“
· Ionic	“	Napier,	“
King Solomon	“ ..	Jarvis,	“
Corinthian	“	London East,	“
Fordwich	“	Fordwich,	“
Stratford	“	Stratford,	“

In the matter of the application for the issue of a warrant to Harman Lodge, Toronto, the Board having learned that the issue of the warrant would be in opposition to the wishes of a large number of the brethren of that city, and having already recommended that a warrant be issued to a new Lodge in the same city, they would recommend that another warrant be not now granted.

In the matter of the application for the issue of a warrant to “Eden” Lodge, London, the Board recommend that a warrant be not granted, but that the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to issue his dispensation authorizing the officers and brethren named therein to pass and raise those already initiated in that Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,
President B. G. of P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Warrants be received.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, on behalf of the Board submitted the following report on

THE CASES OF MRS. WILSON AND MRS. HARRIS.

The Board having considered the cases of the widows and families of our deceased Grand Master and Grand Secretary, in view of the services rendered to our Grand Lodge by the deceased brethren, do recommend, until otherwise ordered by Grand Lodge, that an annuity of \$300 be paid to the widow of our late Grand Master, and a similar annuity to

his eldest daughter, and the like annuity to the widow and daughters of our late Grand Secretary. Such annuities to cease in case of the marriage or death of the parties respectively; and, in case of the death or marriage of the widow or any of the daughters of our late Grand Secretary, a proportionate reduction should be made in such annuity. The whole of the sum to be taken out of the General Funds of Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board of General Purposes, just read, be received.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, and

Resolved,—That Article 2, "of Proposing Members" in the Book of Constitution, be amended by inserting after the words "next regular meeting," the words "and in all cases held not less than four weeks from the date of the application."

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the following words be added to the declaration of Candidates previous to initiation, "and that I have not been rejected by this or any other Lodge within twelve months from the date of my present application,"

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Bain, and

Resolved,—That that portion of the report of the Board on Warrants recommending that Warrants be granted to certain lodges, be adopted.

V. W. Bro. Isaac Waterman, gave notice, that on to-morrow he would move that the Village of London East, in the London District, be Masonically included in the jurisdiction of the City of London.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the annual report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Condition of Masonry be adopted.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. Robert Kemp, and

Resolved,—That the semi-annual report of the Board of General Purposes on Finance be adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Stark, seconded by W. Bro. John Creasor, and

Resolved,—That the election of officers be the first order of business at the morning session of Grand Lodge to-morrow.

R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report on the following cases presented to them :

1. In the matter of the charges preferred by Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, against Bro. Maurice Dunsford, at the last meeting of the Board, the said Bro. was summoned to shew cause why he should not be expelled. He has been so summoned and has not appeared. It is, therefore, recommended that he be expelled from the Craft.

2. In the matter of Bro. Tnos. Cavenagh, who has been suspended for unmasonic conduct and recommended for expulsion by Irving Lodge, No. 154, it is recommended that he be summoned to shew cause at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled.

3. In the matter of Bro. Edward De la Hooke, who has been suspended for unmasonic conduct, and recommended for expulsion by Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, the Board are of

opinion that the evidence produced is not sufficient to justify expulsion. They therefore recommend that the sentence of suspension and exclusion be confirmed, and that the recommendation for expulsion be not entertained.

4. In the matter of Bro. Joseph Miller, suspended for unmasonic conduct, and recommended for expulsion by Goderich Lodge, No. 33, as the papers before the Board do not show that the proceedings were properly taken, it is recommended that the case be referred to the D. D. G. M. of the Huron District, for full investigation, and to report at the next meeting of the Board, and in the meantime that the suspension do stand.

5. In the matter of Bro. W. Diamond, suspended by Cassia Lodge, No. 116, for unmasonic conduct, and which was referred to a committee composed of R.W. Bros. F. Westlake, W. D. McGloghlon, and T. C. Macnabb, the Board recommend that the decision of the said committee, to the effect that the suspension be removed, be confirmed.

6. The appeal of Bro. J. S. Henderson, against the action of Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, in suspending him for non-payment of dues, was referred by the Board to the D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District, who decided that the appeal should be dismissed. The Board recommend that the said decision be confirmed.

7. The appeal of Bro. Charles Straubel, against the action of Thistle Lodge, No. 250, in suspending him for unmasonic conduct was referred to the D. D. G. M. of the Wilson District, who has disposed of the case by ordering the restoration of Bro. Straubel, to membership in said Lodge. The Board recommend that the said decision be confirmed.

8. In the matter of the appeal of Bro. G. H. Griffin, against St. George's Lodge, No. 243, the Board recommend that the same be referred to the D. D. G. M. of the Wilson District for investigation, and to report at the next meeting of the Board. This is done on account of the inability of Bro. Griffin to attend this meeting of Grand Lodge for good cause,

9. In the matter of the charge of Bro. David Armstrong against the W. M. of Moore Lodge, No. 294, the Board find that this case was (on account of the vagueness of the charge) referred by the late Grand Master to the D. D. G. M. of the St. Clair District for investigation. The said D. D. G. M. has reported that he cannot proceed with the case as he can get no reply to his letters to Bro. Armstrong, the complainant. The Board therefore can take no action in this case at present.

10 In the matter of Bro. George Smith, of Dalhousie Lodge, of Ottawa, the Board find that the matter has already been disposed of by Grand Lodge, and therefore recommend that no further action be had.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet on to-morrow (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, July 15th, A. D. 1875.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11.30 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D. G. M., Acting Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, on behalf of the Board submitted the following

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that they have had under consideration applications from the following Lodges, applying for warrants, viz :

Hiram Lodge, Cheapside, Ont.; Prince Arthur's Lodge, Flesherton, Ont.; Hiram Lodge, Wolfe Island, Ont.; Keystone Lodge, Waterloo, Ont.

The Board recommend that a warrant be granted to Hiram Lodge, Cheapside.

In the matter of Prince Arthur's Lodge, Flesherton, the dispensation having been granted on the 15th day of June last, and no minute book having been produced, as probably no meeting of such Lodge has been held, the Board recommend that the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to continue his dispensation for another year, and that a warrant be not granted.

In the matter of Hiram Lodge, Wolfe Island, the Board recommend the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to issue his dispensation to such Lodge so soon as the requirements of the Constitution have been complied with.

The Board recommend that a warrant be not granted to Keystone Lodge, Waterloo.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,
President of B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the supplementary report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Henry Maepheron, on behalf of the Board submitted the following report on

JURISPRUDENCE, CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS.

The Board beg leave to present the following report on questions submitted for consideration :

1. It is not legal to install the Master of a Lodge under dispensation.

2. *Question*.—Can a brother initiated, passed and raised under a foreign jurisdiction, joining a Lodge in this jurisdic-

tion, get a certificate from our Grand Secretary of his initiating, passing and raising?

Answer.—He cannot. The Grand Secretary can only certify to what he knows from his books and the returns sent him from the private Lodges.

3. *Question*—Has a brother in good standing, properly vouched for, the right to visit a Lodge during the time it is open for general business?

Answer.—He has a right to visit, but it is not absolute. It is in the discretion of the Worshipful Master to admit a visitor. If proper objections are made by a member present, the Worshipful Master should not, in the exercise of a proper discretion, admit a visitor.

4. *Question.*—Can a Lodge at either a regular or emergent meeting refuse admission to a Grand Lodge Officer as a visitor; if so, which of them, and under what circumstances?

Answer.—The G. M., D. G. M., and D. D. G. M. of the district, and any officer of Grand Lodge sent by the G. M. on an official visit, has a right to visit, otherwise a Grand Lodge Officer has no other or greater right than any M. M. in good standing, (see Sections 4 and 25 of Grand Master.)

5. The application of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, being considered more a subject for correspondence with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the application is returned to the Grand Master with a request that he will write to the Grand Master of Scotland on the subject.

Two other questions are left over to be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

The rules and regulations for the government of Masonic trials presented by R. W. Bro. Kerr, having been slightly amended, are recommended for adoption by Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Vincent Clementi, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Board on Jurisprudence, Constitutions and Regulations, be received.

R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, on behalf of the Trustees, presented the following report on

MASONIC ASYLUM TRUST.

The Trustees of the Masonic Asylum Trust, in presenting their annual report, feel that in view of the circumstances under which Grand Lodge meets, circumstances of painful recognition of the manifestation of the inscrutable will of T. G. A. O. T. U., in removing since their last meeting both their beloved Grand Master, and no less beloved Grand Secretary, the main executive officers of their institution; as an adjournment, such as usually takes place, to mark respect for such great losses, cannot of necessity take place, there will be a respectful desire to limit the proceedings of Grand Lodge, as far as may be, to matters not likely to evoke particular or protracted discussion. In this view they respectfully suggest the postponement of further consideration of the Asylum question until next session, and merely now report the accumulation of funds as follows:

Total per last report in proceedings 1874, pp. 639.	£6,452 39
Add Dividend Dom. Stock, \$372—Bank In., \$4,60.	376 60
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	£6,828 99

And which consists of

Dominion Stock	£6,200 00
Cash in Bank	628 99
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	£6,828 99

The unavoidable absence of their chairman, R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, in England, is an additional reason for proposing that matters should stand over at present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAM. B. HARMAN,
Chairman *pro tem.*
JAMES BAIN.
VINCENT CLEMENTI.
J. K. KERR.

TORONTO, 10th July, 1875.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Trustees of the Masonic Asylum Fund be received,

R. W. Bro. Harman, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on

MASONIC ASYLUM TRUST.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report that in accordance with resolution adopted at last meeting of Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary issued the undermentioned circular to the several Lodges, and replies have been received from thirty-five Lodges, leaving about two hundred and fifty Lodges unheard from: of these seven report that they will give no support; nine that they are unable at present; two that they deem it inexpedient; four that they await the action of Grand Lodge; three a want of information; two that they will give \$20 annually; one that it will give \$15 annually; one that it will give \$10 annually; one that it will give 20 cents. per member annually; one that it has already pledged support; two that they have already contributed, and are prepared to do so again on action of Grand Lodge; two that they have not yet taken action.

In reply to the second query, nine Lodges report none; four do not know of any; one reports three; one that assistance would only be received in cash; twenty give no answer.

To the third query, seven Lodges report none; four not likely to give; twenty-two give no answer.

GRAND LODGE A. F. AND A. M. OF CANADA.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

HAMILTON, ONT., May 12th, 1875.

DEAR SIR AND W. BRO.:

I am directed by the R. W. the acting Grand Master to call your attention to the following resolution respecting the Masonic Asylum Trust, adopted at the last Annual communication of Grand Lodge:

Resolved,—That the matter of the final settlement of the Masonic Asylum Trust Fund be laid over until the next Annual Communication

of Grand Lodge, and that in the interim the subordinate Lodges be appealed to, enquiring what annual aid they will give towards its support, either by way of bonus or yearly grant, with a further statistical report of the numbers and nature of the requirements of such as may have claims on our Benevolence within the jurisdiction, as well as the number of non-affiliated Masons likely to assist the project

I have to request that you will inform me at as early a day as possible—

1. What annual aid your Lodge will give towards the support of a Masonic Asylum.

2. The number and nature of the requirements of those in your jurisdiction who may have claims on our Benevolence.

3. The number of non-affiliated Masons in your jurisdiction likely to assist the project.

Believe me to remain,

Dear Sir and W. Bro.,

Yours fraternally,

J. J. MASON,
Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on the Masonic Asylum Trust be received.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. Bennett, and

Resolved,—That the sum of \$2,500 be taken from the general funds of Grand Lodge and transferred to the Fund of Benevolence, current account.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by M. W. Bro. James Seymour, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., was announced and received with grand honors.

The R. W. the acting Grand Master appointed the following brethren scrutineers of the Ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, viz., R. W. Bros. D. Spry, and J. W. Murton, and W. Bro. H. L. Vercoe.

In accordance with notices given, the following places, were proposed for holding the next Annual Communication, viz.:

- R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, City of Ottawa.
- “ “ “ W. D. McGloghlon, Town of St. Catharines.
- “ “ “ S. S. Lazier, City of Toronto.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been severally taken on the various places put in nomination, the majority of the votes were in favor of the City of Ottawa, and Ottawa was declared to be the place for the holding of the next annual Communication.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson,

That the office of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be fixed at Toronto.

A vote of Grand Lodge being taken, it was declared in the negative.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on the address of the Acting Grand Master be adopted.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Isaac Waterman, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved,—That the village of London East, in the London District, be masonically included in the jurisdiction of the City of London.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz,

That, that portion of the report of the Board on Warrants, recommending that warrants be not issued to Harman Lodge, Toronto, and Eden Lodge London, be adopted.

In amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. Spry,

That, that part of the report of the Board on Warrants, referring to Eden Lodge, be struck out and that a warrant be granted to Eden Lodge.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment, it was declared in the negative.

The original resolution was then adopted,—whereupon, R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, demanded a ballot upon the question, which was taken and declared against the amendment.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Chauncy Bennett, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the grants to the widows and families of the late Grand Master and Grand Secretary be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, seconded by R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Bain :

That the report of the Trustees of the Masonic Asylum Trust be adopted.

In amendment it was moved by W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, seconded by V. W. Bro. R. Brierley :

That the amount of \$6828.99 now reported to the credit of the Masonic Asylum Trust Fund, be placed to the credit of the General Fund of this Grand Lodge, and the amounts subscribed by the respective donors be returned to them, and that the Masonic Asylum Committee be discharged.

On a vote of Grand Lodge being taken on the foregoing amendment it was declared *lost*.

A vote of Grand Lodge was then taken on the original resolution, and declared carried.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, and^o

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Jurisprudence, Constitutions, and Regulations be adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected Office Bearers for the ensuing term, viz:

R. W. Bro.	James K. Kerr,	Toronto,	Grand Master.
" " "	W. H. Weller,	Cobourg,	Deputy Grand Master.
V. " "	G. S. Birrell,	London,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	A. J. Cambie,	Ottawa,	" Junior "
R. " "	Rev. G. M. Innes,	London,	" Chaplain.
" " "	Henry Groff,	Simcoe,	" Treasurer.
" " "	J. G. Burns,	Toronto,	" Registrar.
R. " "	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton,	" Secretary.
	and by an open vote of Grand Lodge		
"	John Sweetman,	Ottawa,	" Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of Lodges, as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, and approved by the M. W. Grand Master, viz:

R. W. Bro.	Thos. C Macnabb,	Chatham,	St. Clair	District.
" " "	W. D. McGloghlon,	London,	London	"
" " "	Chauncy Bennett,	Port Rowan,	Wilson	"
" " "	J. H. Benson,	Seaforth,	Huron	"
" " "	John McLaren,	Mt. Forest,	Wellington	"
" " "	R. Brierley,	Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
" " "	D. E. Broderick,	Caledonia,	Niagara	"
" " "	D. Spry,	Toronto,	Toronto	"
" " "	E. Peplow, jr.	Port Hope,	Ontario.	"
" " "	Donald Ross,	Picton,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	Sam'l Woods,	Kingston,	St. Lawrence	"
" " "	W. R. White,	Pembroke,	Ottawa	"

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 8 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8.30 o'clock, p. m.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Past Grand Master, proceeded with the installation of the Grand Master elect, R. W. Bro. James K. Kerr, who was duly obligated, invested, installed, and thrice proclaimed the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

The M. W. Grand Master, assisted by M. W. Bro. Stevenson, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the remaining newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

At a subsequent date the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing Masonic year, viz :

V. W. Bro. G. H. F. Dartnell, Whitby,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" " " J. B. Nixon, Toronto,	" Junior "
" " " William Reid, Hamilton,	" Superintendent of Works.
" " " H. L. Vercoe, Seaforth,	" Director of Ceremonies.
" " " Gavin Stewart, Hamilton, Asst.	" Secretary.
" " " C. H. Slawson, Ingersoll,	" " Director of Ceremonies.
" " " William Forbes, Grimsby,	" Sword Bearer.
" " " A. E. Fife, Brighton,	" Organist.
" " " Alex. Irvine, Harriston, Asst.	" "
" " " G. R. Vanzant, Stouffville,	" Pursuivant.
" " " J. Ormiston, Gananoque,	} " Grand Stewards.
" " " John A. Mackenzie, Sarnia,	
" " " H. B. O'Connor, Riversdale,	
" " " G. L. Orme, Ottawa,	
" " " G. Mansfield, Newbury,	
" " " S. D. Brown, Drumbo,	
" " " J. Greenfield, Jr., Kingston,	
" " " Samuel Rogers Ottawa,	
" " " J. N. Fulmer, Ridgeway,	
" " " Robert King, Barrie,	
" " " William Hayden, Glencoe,	
" " " A. P. Booth, Odessa,	

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. Jas. Bain, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Scrutineers of the ballot for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their arduous duties.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. Bain, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Billington, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby heartily tendered to the committee of management of the London Lodges, for the ample and satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the present annual Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the various Railway and Steamboat Companies, for their liberality in reducing the fares to delegates attending this annual Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. A. Mackay, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Illinois, Virginia and Pennsylvania, for their donations of bound volumes of their Proceedings, Constitutions, &c., for the use of Grand Lodge Library.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Billington, and

Resolved.—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, and James Seymour, for their kindness in attending this Grand Lodge, and in taking part in the installation of the Grand Master elect and other officers.

M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and R. W. Bros. J. J. Mason and Hugh A. Mackay, presented their credentials as the representatives, respectively, of the Grand Lodges of Utah, Kansas and Scotland, which were accepted, and the representatives were saluted with the usual honors.

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

By V. W. Bro. F. J. Menet,—That Article 7, "of Fees," in the Book of Constitution, be amended by striking out all after the words "jurisdiction of a Lodge," and inserting therefor the words "Two Dollars;" also, that Article 1, "of Constituting a New Lodge," be amended by inserting next after the words "by the nearest Lodge," the words following: "and in case of there being more than two Lodges in the nearest jurisdiction, it shall require the recommendation of not less than one-half of the said Lodges."

By W. Bro. Wm. Forbes,—That the expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters, be paid by this Grand Lodge, by allowing a certain amount for each Lodge.

By R. W. Bro. S. Woods,—That the clause of the Constitution relating to “constituting a new Lodge” be amended by inserting after the words “nearest Lodge,” the following:—“Except in case of an application from a village, town, or city, when the consent of all the local Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction shall first be obtained.”

By R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi,—That Article 17, “of the Grand Lodge” be amended by striking out the words “at which the place of holding the next Communication shall be decided” and inserting in place thereof the words “in the City of Toronto.”

By R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens,—That Article 10 “of the Grand Lodge” be amended by inserting the following clause between the words “before Grand Lodge” and “and no alteration,” namely:—“or unless notice of motion of such amendment be given in writing to the Grand Secretary, at least one month before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and such notice be inserted in the Summons for such Annual Communication,” also that Article 1 “of proposing members” be amended by inserting next after the words “the next stated Lodge meeting” the words “and in all cases held not less than four weeks from the date of the application.”

By W. Bro. Wm. Norris,—That Article 1, “of the Grand Lodge,” be amended by striking out the word “Canada,” and inserting in place thereof, the word “Ontario,” and that all verbal alterations in the Book of Constitution consequent upon the adoption of this resolution, be made immediately thereafter.

By W. Bro. Joseph Hurssell,—That Article 2, “of Honorary Members,” be amended by adding thereto, the words following: “but if an Honorary Member does not attend a meeting of the Lodge for a space of three years, or give satisfactory reasons for his absence, he may be suspended from Honorary Membership by a two-thirds vote of the Lodge;” also,—That Article 8, “of the Grand Lodge,” be

amended by striking out all after the words "any Communication of Grand Lodge," and inserting in place thereof, the words "any Past Master of the Lodge duly returned may represent the Lodge, the immediate P. M. to take precedence."

By W. Bro. J. M. Banghart, or W. Bro. Wm. Hayden,—That the Book of Constitution be so amended as to provide that all routine business in private Lodges be done in the third degree, instead of the first as at present.

By R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns,—That the Toronto District be divided into two Districts, the counties of York and Peel to constitute the Toronto District, and the counties of Simcoe and Grey to constitute a new District, to be named the Georgian District.

By R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves,—That the Toronto and Ontario Districts be reconstructed, so as to make three or more out of the two Districts, or otherwise to divide either or both of them.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Scrutineers of the ballot reported that the following named brethren had received the largest number of votes for members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, and were declared duly elected, viz :

R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding,	St. James'	Lodge, 73, St. Marys.
" " " Hugh Murray,	Acacia	" 61, Hamilton.
" " " J. A. Henderson,	Ancient St. John's	" 3, Kingston.
" " " S. B. Harman,	St. Andrew's	" 16, Toronto.
V. " " F. J. Menet,	St. John's	" 75, "
And for one year to fill a vacancy,		
R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves,	Ontario	" 26, Port Hope.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz. :

R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens,	Ionic	Lodge, 25, Toronto.
" " " J. W. Murton,	Barton	" 6, Hamilton.
" " " Jas. Moffatt,	Tuscan	" 195, London.
" " " Jas. Bain	St. Andrews	" 16, Toronto.
" " " J. D. Henderson,	Colborne	" 91, Colborne.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed,
in Ample Form.

ATTEST.



J. J. MASON,
Grand Sec.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Grand Secretary, in account current with the Grand Lodge of Canada. Moneys received from 1st January to the 31st December, 1874.

NAMES OF LODGES.		NAMES OF LODGES.	
2	Niagara.....	\$	42 00
3	The Ancient St. John's.....		95 00
5	Sussex		86 75
6	Barton.....		77 50
7	Union.....		35 50
10	Norfolk.....		64 50
14	True Briton's.....		45 50
15	St. George's.....		75 50
16	St. Andrew's.....	162	24
18	Prince Edward.....		70 00
20	St. John's.....		89 25
22	King Solomon's.....		87 50
23	Richmond.....		90 50
24	St. Francis.....		41 25
25	Ionic.....		97 50
26	Ontario.....		50 73
27	Strict Observance.....		84 75
28	Mount Zion.....		83 00
29	United		6 00
30	Composite.....		44 00
31	Jerusalem.....		45 00
32	Amity.....		94 00
33	Goderich.....		91 00
34	Thistle.....		16 25
35	St. John's.....		49 75
36	Welland.....		48 75
37	King Hiram.....		58 00
38	Trent.....		10 00
39	Mount Zion.....		22 00
40	St. John's.....	216	00
41	St. George's.....		51 20
42	St. George's.....	100	00
43	King Solomon's.....		83 75
44	St. Thomas.....		74 52
45	Brant.....	116	00
46	Wellington.....		57 00
47	Great Western.....	177	25
48	Madoc.....		76 00
50	Consecon.....		14 50
52	Dalhousie.....	139	00
53	Sheffield.....		25 00
54	Vaughan.....		52 50
55	Merrickville.....		86 37
56	Victoria.....		39 75
57	Harmony.....		53 50
58	Doric.....	102	25
59	Corinthian.....		12 50
61	Acacia.....		55 75
62	St. Andrew's.....		54 50
63	St. John's.....		22 00
64	Kilwinning.....	105	50
65	Reboboam.....		78 25
66	Durham.....		46 75
68	St. John's.....		76 25
69	Stirling.....		72 00
72	Alma.....		72 50
73	St. James'.....		65 00
74	St. James'.....		33 00
75	St. John's.....	186	25
76	Oxford.....		59 50
78	King Hiram.....		32 25
79	Simcoe.....		40 90
80	Albion.....		17 50
81	St. John's.....		47 25
82	St. John's.....		41 75
83	Beaver.....	102	50
84	Clinton.....		13 00
85	Rising Sun.....		16 75
86	Wilson.....		78 00
87	Markham Union.....		20 00
88	St. George's.....		22 25
90	Manito.....		26 25
91	Colborne.....		81 25
92	Cataraqui.....		98 00
93	Northern Light.....		27 50
94	St. Mark's.....		33 25
95	Ridout.....		34 75
96	Corinthian.....		93 00
97	Sharon.....		62 50
98	True Blue.....		23 75
99	Tuscan.....		66 40
100	Valley.....		21 25
101	Corinthian.....		73 69
104	St. John's.....		34 48
105	St. Mark's.....		32 75
106	Burford.....		26 50
107	St. Paul's.....		55 37
108	Blenheim.....		5 75
109	Albion.....		35 62
110	Central.....		82 25
111	Morpeth.....		41 25
112	Maitland.....	103	24
113	Wilson.....		57 98
114	Hope.....		38 00
116	Cassia.....		41 00
118	Union.....		15 00
119	Maple Leaf.....		27 09
120	Warren.....		52 00
121	Doric.....		49 50
122	Renfrew.....		42 50
123	The Belleville.....		31 00
125	Cornwall.....		60 00
126	Golden Rule.....		33 50
127	Franck.....		29 75
128	Pembroke.....		91 75
129	The Rising Sun.....		83 50
130	Yamaska.....		10 00
131	St. Lawrence.....		27 23
133	Lebanon Forest.....		76 26
135	St. Clair.....	102	50
137	Pythagoras.....	118	25
139	Lebanon.....		30 50
140	Malahide.....		28 50
141	Tudor.....		87 98
142	Excelsior.....	128	75
143	Friendly Brother's.....	129	50
144	Tecumseh.....		84 25
145	J. B. Hall.....		33 47
146	Prince of Wales.....		36 48
147	Mississippi.....		31 75
148	Civil Service.....		59 94
149	Erie.....		59 25
150	Hastings.....		61 75
151	The Grand River.....		23 50

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.—[Continued.]

NAMES OF LODGES.		NAMES OF LODGES.	
153 Burns	62 50	234 Beaver	49 50
154 Irving	21 00	235 Atdworth	23 50
155 Peterborough	61 50	236 Manitoba	17 50
156 York	10 00	237 Vienna	31 00
157 Simpson	35 75	238 Havelock	75 80
158 Alexandra	20 00	239 Tweed	16 50
159 Goodwo d	16 50	240 Prince Rupert's	82 48
161 Percy	14 00	241 Quinte	34 50
162 Forest	12 25	242 Macey	29 75
163 Browne	24 50	243 St. George's	47 24
164 Star in the East	12 75	244 Lisgar	35 25
165 Burlington	66 00	245 Tecumseh	20 00
168 Merritt	85 98	246 Umou of Strict Observance	55 50
176 Macnab	34 25	247 Ashlar	44 75
170 Britannia	86 75	248 Eureka	12 00
172 Ayr	68 25	249 Caledonian	36 25
173 Victoria	55 75	250 Thistle	39 00
174 Walsingham	77 48	253 Munden	86 75
176 Spartan	65 75	254 Clifton	70 25
177 The Builders	39 27	255 Sydenham	37 50
178 Plattsville	38 50	256 Farran's Point	31 48
179 Bothwell	76 25	257 Galt	31 25
180 Speed	35 25	259 Springfield	34 25
181 Oriental	42 00	260 Washington	17 10
183 Prince Albert	20 00	261 Oak Branch	24 75
184 Old Light	53 00	262 Harriston	70 38
185 Enniekillen	57 00	263 Forest	51 00
186 Plantagenet	29 25	264 Chandiere	127 50
187 Royal Canadian	34 50	265 Patterson	38 25
189 Filius Vidue	9 50	266 Northern Light	20 50
190 Belmont	78 50	267 Parthenon	110 00
192 Orillia	55 00	268 Verulam	26 75
193 Scotland	52 25	269 Brougham Union	45 73
194 Petrolia	34 75	270 Cedar	66 75
195 The Tuscan	51 25	271 Wellington	51 37
196 Madawaska	23 00	272 Seymour	39 50
197 Saugeen	10 00	273 Olive Branch	30 00
198 White Oak	48 75	274 Kent	75 46
200 St. Alban's	56 50	275 Pontiac	23 00
202 Mount Royal	62 50	276 Teeswater	16 23
203 Irvine	65 00	277 Seymour	53 00
205 New Dominion	38 75	279 New Hope	45 50
207 Lancaster	42 50	280 Mount Sinai	40 50
209a St. John's	126 50	281 Thorne	27 50
209 Evergreen	43 75	282 Lorne	65 70
210 Hawkesbury	47 25	283 Enreka	12 00
211 Brome	16 75	284 St. John's	31 10
212 Elysian	35 46	285 Seven Star	20 00
213 Dominion	53 25	286 Wingham	33 00
214 Craig	30 00	287 Shuniah	36 00
215 Lake	8 00	288 Ancient Landmark	186 00
216 Harris	59 22	289 Doric	13 50
217 Frederick	60 98	290 Leamington	25 00
218 Stevenson	153 25	291 Dufferin	43 75
219 Credit	24 25	292 Robertson	25 98
220 Zerodatha	6 00	294 Moore	37 25
221 Mountain	48 25	295 Conestoga	35 00
222 Marmora	37 00	296 Temple	32 00
223 Norwood	23 50	297 Preston	24 25
224 Zurich	30 00	298 Eddy	70 50
226 Mount Moriah	47 00	299 Victoria	40 25
228 Prince Arthur	23 25	300 Mount Olivet	29 75
229 Ionic	16 50	301 Hanover	14 00
230 Kerr	27 74	302 St. David's	12 54
231 Lodge of Fidelity	23 25	303 Blyth	12 50
232 Cameron	56 25	304 Minerva	51 71
233 Doric	34 00	305 Humber	18 50

GENERAL FUND.

DR. The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer. CR.

1874.		1874.		1875.	
	\$	cts.		\$	cts.
Feb. 27—To Grand Treasurer, contingencies		4 00	2—By Balance per account		30,267 90
28—“ Board expenses, Belleville	432 50		10—“ Grand Secretary		1,500 00
28—“ Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery	22 48		15—“ “		500 00
28—“ Law-on, McCulloch & Co., printing	696 55		Feb. 24—“ “		1,000 00
Mar. 2—“ Unmastered to Behvolence account, 10 per cent. of gross receipts, 1873	1,353 25		Mar. 13—“ “		600 00
2—“ Grand Secretary, incidental expenses	100 00		30—“ “		650 00
2—“ Bro. James Bain, a book	3 00		4—“ “		167 00
2—“ Geo. Ennis, printing	4 00		June 2—“ “		500 00
2—“ Grand Secretary, travelling expenses	59 00		18—“ “		300 00
2—“ “ “ incidental expenses	83 92		29—“ “		400 00
2—“ “ “ Bal. Board expenses			30—“ “		700 00
2—“ Belleville	4 50		July 2—“ “		500 00
2—“ R. Haigh, binding	22 50		2—“ “		551 57
3—“ Copp, Clark & Co., certificates	249 29		15—“ “		2,000 00
16—“ R. W. Bro. Klotz, box and cover	11 50		Oct. 1—“ “		584 33
17—“ King Hiram Lodge, remission of dues	34 50		Nov. 22—“ “		1,003 93
17—“ Grand Master, half-yearly allowance	250 00		Dec. 7—“ “		642 60
30—“ Grand Secretary, quarter's salary	400 00		1875.		
30—“ Bro. Muir, salary as assistant	175 00		Jan. 4—“ “		2,470 68
April 8—“ St John's Lodge, No. 68, remitted	38 50				
May 4—“ Grand Secretary, Haigh's account	26 00				
4—“ “ Insurance premium	21 00				
4—“ “ contingencies	100 00				
July 2—“ “ quarter's salary	400 00				

To amount carried forward \$4,491 49

By amount carried forward \$44,338 01

GENERAL FUND.—(CONTINUED.)

	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1874				
	To amount brought forward.....	4,491	49	
July 2—	“ Grand Secretary, assistance	175	00	By amount brought forward..... 44,338 01
6—	“ “ rent.....	60	00	By Balance due G. Lodge on this acct 33,129 32
13—	“ R. W. Bro. Thomas White, printing	16	20	
14—	“ President of Board, expenses July	63	33	
14—	“ Grand Master, amount of appropriation	500	00	
Aug 31—	“ Copp, Clark & Co., certificates	154	82	
31—	“ Lash & Co, testimonial	600	00	
Sept. 1—	“ Buntin, Gillies & Co, stationery.....	13	00	
2—	“ R. W. Bro Robertson, report on foreign correspondence	50	00	
3—	“ Lawson, McCulloch & Co, printing..	224	45	
Dec. 16—	“ Grand Secretary, travelling expenses.	19	90	
16—	“ Expenses G. Lodge meeting, Toronto	68	50	
16—	“ Grand Secretary, incidental expenses.	100	00	
16—	“ “ Louisiana sutlers	200	00	
16—	“ Transferred to Benevolence account by resolution of Grand Lodge.....	3,000	00	
20—	“ Jas Walker & Co, testimonials to R. W. Bro. Thomas White	330	00	
1875.				
Jan. 4—	“ Grand Secretary, quarter's salary	400	00	
4—	“ Bro. Muir, salary as assistant	175	00	
	Balance due G Lodge on this acct ..	33,129	32	
	Total	\$44,338	01	Total..... \$44,338 01

SIMCOE, 4th January, 1875.

E. E.

HENRY GROFF, GRAND TREASURER.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—CURRENT ACCOUNT.

DR.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in account with Henry Groff, Grand Treasurer.

CR.

1874.					
		\$	cts.	1874.	\$
4—	To Mrs. Doyle	20	00	Jan.	2— By Balance as per account audited.....
28—	" Samuel Cornick	20	00	April	4— " 6 months' Interest \$24,000 Dominion
3—	" London Board of Relief	75	00		Stock.....
3—	" Bro James Newbould.....	15	00	May	7— " 6 months' Interest \$10,000 Dominion
3—	" Mrs. Wright	20	00		Stock.....
3—	" " Griffith.....	25	00	June	30— " Interest on Bank account.....
3—	" " Wescott	20	00	Oct.	9— " 6 months' Interest \$24,000 Dominion
4—	" " Mackie	20	00		Stock.....
5—	" Montreal Board of Relief.....	75	00	Nov.	10— " 6 months' Interest \$10,000 Dominion
5—	" Mrs. Craik	20	00		Stock.....
5—	" McIntyre	20	00	Dec.	7— " From General Fund.....
6—	" Bro. Charles Chaloner.....	25	00		31— " Interest on Bank account.....
6—	" Mrs. Sutherland	25	00		
6—	" " Benedict	20	00		
7—	" Bro. B. Hill	35	00		
7—	" " W. Cassidy.....	40	00		
7—	" " Jas. Murray.....	20	00		
7—	" Mrs. Goldsmith	15	00		
7—	" " Kneeshaw	20	00		
7—	" " Wm. Owen.....	20	00		
7—	" " Hunter	15	00		
7—	" " Dixon	20	00		
7—	" " Gordon	25	00		
7—	" " Price.....	15	00		
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		\$925 00		By amount carried forward..... \$7,838 02	

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—(CONTINUED.)

		\$	cts.	
1874.				
	To amount brought forward.....		625 00	
Mar.	7—To Mrs. Kesteven.....		15 00	
	7—“ Howson.....		25 00	
	7—“ Bro. J. Tighe.....		20 00	
	7—“ Toronto Board of Relief.....		150 00	
	7—“ Daughters of late Bro. J. V. Noel...		40 00	
	7—“ Mrs. Davy.....		50 00	
	7—“ “ Wood.....		40 00	
	7—“ “ Judd.....		30 00	
	7—“ Miss Price.....		20 00	
	7—“ Mrs. Graham.....		25 00	
	7—“ “ Goodchild.....		25 00	
	7—“ “ Turner.....		20 00	
	7—“ Bro. N. O'Camb.....		20 00	
	7—“ Kingston Board of Relief.....		40 00	
	14—“ Hamilton “.....		75 00	
	14—“ Mrs. Smith.....		20 00	
	14—“ “ Balbernie.....		20 00	
	14—“ “ Patterson.....		25 00	
	14—“ “ Gott.....		20 00	
	16—“ “ Taylor.....		15 00	
	21—“ Bro. Illing.....		40 00	
	21—“ Mrs. Quackenbush.....		15 00	
	23—“ Bro. L. Turtle.....		20 00	
	23—“ Mrs. Maybee.....		20 00	
	26—“ Bro. J. Carey.....		20 00	
	26—“ “ Chas. Montenay.....		25 00	
To amount brought forward.....		\$	1,460 00	
				By amount brought forward.....\$7,838 02

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—(CONTINUED.)

1874.		\$	cts.	\$	cts.
	To amount brought forward,.....	1,460	00	7,838	02
Mar.	28—To Mrs. N. Mathews.....		20		
	30—“ S. Keys.....		20		
April	8—“ Bro. G. Fry.....		25		
	8—“ Mrs. Bastedo.....		20		
	8—“ Benson.....		20		
April	8—“ Bro. Cowell.....		25		
	13—“ Mrs. J. McDonald.....		15		
	13—“ Bro. R. C. Martin.....		25		
	15—“ Mrs. R. Brodie.....		10		
	15—“ “ Gibson.....		20		
	15—“ “ McDonald.....		25		
	15—“ “ P. Smith.....		15		
	15—“ “ G. Wallace.....		15		
	29—“ Bro. J. Barnum.....		30		
	29—“ Ottawa Board of Relief.....		75		
May	29—“ Bro. J. Sweetman.....		20		
	4—“ Mrs. Doyle.....		20		
	21—“ “ Edgar.....		15		
	29—“ “ Hockridge.....		25		
July	6—“ Bro. Schieber.....		20		
Sept.	1—“ London Board of Relief.....		100		
	2—“ Mrs. Gales.....		30		
	2—“ Bro. Elder.....		20		
	3—“ Mrs. Sutherland.....		40		
	3—“ “ Judd.....		40		
	3—“ Miss Annie Price.....		25		
	To amount carried forward.....	2,175	00	7,838	02

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—(CONTINUED.)

1874.

		\$	cts.		\$	cts.
	To amount brought forward.....	2,175	00		7,838	02
Aug.	3—To Mrs. Davy.....	50	00	By amount brought forward.....		
	4—“ Graves.....	50	00			
	4—“ Orphans of Bro. Todd.....	20	00			
	4—“ Mrs. Bracken.....	30	00			
	4—“ Toronto Board of Relief.....	200	00			
	4—“ Mrs. Kesteven.....	30	00			
	4—“ Bro. Hill.....	35	00			
	4—“ Mrs. Goldsmith.....	25	00			
Sept.	4—“ Mrs. Dixon.....	20	00			
	4—“ Price.....	20	00			
	4—“ Bro. Murray.....	20	00			
	4—“ Mrs. Kneeshaw.....	20	00			
	4—“ Hunter.....	20	00			
	4—“ Gordon.....	30	00			
	4—“ Howson.....	25	00			
	4—“ Bro. Parker.....	50	00			
	4—“ Mrs. Owens.....	25	00			
	5—“ Bro. O’Camb.....	20	00			
	5—“ Orphans of Bro. Parney.....	30	00			
	5—“ Mrs. Allan.....	30	00			
	7—“ Kingston Board of Relief.....	50	00			
	7—“ Mrs. Page.....	25	00			
	7—“ Bro. Fry.....	25	00			
	9—“ Mrs. Mabee.....	20	00			
	11—“ Litehfield.....	25	00			
	28—“ Veal.....	10	00			
	To amount carried forward.....	\$3,080	00	By amount carried forward.....	\$7,838	02

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—(CONTINUED.)

1874.		%	cts.
	To amount brought forward.....	3,080	00
Sept.	Mrs. Benedict.....	20	00
Oct.	Bro. Kirk.....	20	00
	Mrs. Wiscott.....	30	00
	Griffith.....	30	00
	Martin.....	20	00
	Hand.....	30	00
	Wood.....	40	00
	Orphans of Bro. Fowler.....	30	00
	" Craib.....	30	00
	Mrs. Gordon.....	25	00
	" Edgar.....	25	00
	Bro. Lucy.....	15	00
Oct.	Mrs. Horsey.....	20	00
	Laughlers of Bro. Noel.....	40	00
	Bro. Tighe.....	30	00
	Newbold.....	20	00
	Donovan.....	30	00
	Richards.....	50	00
	Mrs. Quackenbush.....	25	00
	" Turner.....	20	00
	" Dean.....	40	00
	" Dettmar.....	30	00
	" White.....	40	00
	" McDowell.....	25	00
	" Smith.....	25	00
	" Taylor.....	20	00
	To amount carried forward.....	33,810	00

By amount brought forward \$ 7,838 02

By amount carried forward, \$7,838 02

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—(CONTINUED.)

1874.		\$	cts.
	To amount brought over	3,810	00
Oct.	12—To Irvine Lodge, No. 203.....	30	00
	12—“ Bro. Johnson.....	20	00
	12—“ Mrs. McGilivray.....	30	00
	12—“ Bro. Tripp.....	40	00
	13—“ Mrs. Benson.....	20	00
	13—“ Bro. Carey.....	40	00
	13—“ “ Montency.....	40	00
	13—“ “ Illing.....	40	00
	13—“ Mrs. Anderson.....	30	00
	15—“ Bro. Reinhart.....	30	00
	15—“ Mrs. Graham.....	30	00
	15—“ “ Munro.....	40	00
	15—“ Bro. Martin.....	25	00
	15—“ Mrs. Smith.....	30	00
	15—“ “ McClelland.....	30	00
	17—“ “ McCallum.....	25	00
	19—“ “ Chabcock.....	50	00
	19—“ “ Keys.....	40	00
	22—“ “ May.....	20	00
	22—“ Hamilton Board of Relief.....	100	00
	22—“ Mrs. Bastedo.....	30	00
	22—“ “ McIntyre.....	25	00
	22—“ “ Atkinson.....	50	00
	23—“ “ McDowell.....	25	00
	23—“ “ Goodchild.....	25	00
	23—“ “ Cron.....	25	00
Oct.	To amount carried forward.....	\$4,700	00

By amount brought forward \$ 7,838 02

By amount carried forward \$7,838 02

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—(CONTINUED.)

1874.			\$	cts.		\$	cts.
		To amount brought forward.....	4,700	00			
Oct.	23—	Mrs. Gibson.....		40	00		
	23—	“ Bro. Brown.....		30	00		
	23—	“ Mrs. Wallace.....		20	00		
	23—	“ Clegg.....		25	00		
	26—	“ LeClare.....		40	00		
	27—	“ Chalener.....		25	00		
	27—	“ Hartop.....		30	00		
	28—	“ Morden.....		30	00		
	28—	“ Armstrong.....		30	00		
	30—	“ Hockridge.....		30	00		
	30—	“ Gott.....		25	00		
	30—	“ Taylor.....		25	00		
Nov.	2—	“ McCurrach.....		40	00		
	2—	“ Thompson.....		25	00		
	2—	“ Hill.....		30	00		
	2—	“ Mathieson.....		20	00		
	9—	“ Keast.....		50	00		
Nov.	9—	Mrs. Counter.....		25	00		
	9—	“ Butcher.....		30	00		
	11—	“ Page.....		30	00		
	16—	“ Doyle.....		20	00		
	16—	“ Bro. Schrieber.....		20	00		
	20—	“ Winnipeg Lodge.....		100	00		
	25—	“ Daughter of Bro. Steel.....		40	00		
	28—	“ Mrs. Killins.....		40	00		
Dec.	7—	“ Bro. Gordon.....		30	00		
		To amount carried forward.....	5,550	00			

By amount brought forward \$ 7,838 02

By amount carried forward \$ 7,838 02

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—(CONTINUED.)

1874		\$	cts.			\$	cts.
Dec.	To amount brought over.....	5,550	00		By amount brought over	7,838	02
	8-- " Mrs. Graham.....	25	00				
	28-- " " Colwell.....	30	00				
	Balance.....	2,233	02				
		<u>\$7,838 02</u>				<u>\$7,838 02</u>	

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SIMCOE, 4th January, 1875. E. E.
 Dec. 31st—Balance due G. Lodge on this account. \$2,233 02
 HENRY GROFF, GRAND TREASURER.

ST. CATHARINES, 9th February, 1875. Audited and found correct. DANIEL SPRY, CHAIRMAN FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Returns of Subordinate Lodges, as at 24th June, 1875.

Lodges marked thus (*) hold their installation of Officers on Festival of St. John the Evangelist: all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
2	*King ra.	Niagara	Wed'ay on or before f. moon every month.	Robt. Shearer	Jas. L. Miller.
3	*The Anc't St. John's	Kingston	First Thursday	J. G. King	Geo. Anderson.
5	*Sussex	Brockville	Wednesday on or before f. moon	Arch. McAnall	Alex. Stewart.
6	*Barton	Hamilton	Second Wednesday	Chas. Davidson	John Mowat
7	*Union	Grimsby	Thursday on or before full moon	Jos. Chambers	John A. Nelles.
9	*Union	Napance	Friday on or before full moon.. ..	Wm. Robinson	J. H. Robinson.
10	*Nortolk	Simcoe	Tuesday on or before full moon	James Hayes	Frank Gordon.
11	*Mora	Belleville	Wednesday on or before f. moon	S. S. Lazier	John J. Farley.
14	*True Briton's	Perth	First Monday	Wm. Lawson	W. T. Walker.
15	*St. George's	St. Catharines	Tuesday on or before full moon	Wm. Dougan	Sam. A. Dongan.
16	*St. Andrew's	Toronto	Second Tuesday	Andrew Smith	Jas. S. Lovell.
17	*St. John's	Cobourg	Monday on or before full moon	R. J. Winch	M. Henderson.
18	*Prince Edward	Pictou	Thursday on or before full moon	Donald Ross	D. W. Johnson.
20	*St. John's	London	Second Tuesday	H. L. Kifer	M. D. Dawson.
22	*King Solomon's	Toronto	Second Thursday	Thos. Langton	Hy. Bickford.
23	*Richmond	Richmd Hill	Monday on or before full moon	Jas. McConnell	Thos. Newton.
24	*St. Francis	Smith's Falls	Friday on or before full moon.. ..	Wm. Johnson	Stewart Moug.
25	*Ionic	Toronto	First Tuesday	James A. Temple	A. J. Robertson.
26	*Ontario	Port Hope	Third Thursday	J. H. Helm	John E. Lynn.
27	*Strict Observance	Hamilton	Third Tuesday	R. A. Hutchison	J. M. Meakins.
28	*Mount Zion	Kemptville	Wednesday before f. moon	Geo. Keating	W. H. Anderson.
29	*United	Brighton	Thursday on or before full moon	A. E. Fife	W. A. Mabew.
30	*Composite	Whitby	First Thursday	Thos. Huston	Robert Wilks.
31	*Jerusalem	Bowmanville	Wednesday on or before f. moon	Thos. Bassett	D. Beith.
32	*Amity	Dunnaville	Wednesday on or after full moon	Wm. Fry	John F. Smith.

33	*Goderich,	Goderich	First Wednesday	H. H. Smith	Wm. Dickson
34	*Thistle	Amherstburgh	Tuesday before full moon,	Chas. W. Thomas..	G. Middleitch
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Thursday on or after full moon.	James Mitchell ..	Thos Briniger
36	Welland	Fonthill, ...	Thursday on or before full moon	C. B. Crow	J. O. Emmett
37	*King Hiram	Ingersoll	Tuesday on or before full moon.	Chas. H. Slawson.	L. J. Chadwick
38	*Trent	Trenton	Tuesday before full moon ..	J. B. Christie	Wm. Little
39	*Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tuesday on or before full moon.	W. J. Murray	Frank Warren
40	*St. John's,	Hamilton	Third Thursday	Donald McPhie....	Joseph Kneeshaw
41	*St. George's	Kingsville ..	Thursday on or before full moon	E. Allworth	John S. Widdough
42	*St. George's	London, ..	First Wednesday	Wm. Green	H. E. Nelles
43	King Solomon's	Woodsstock..	Tuesday on or before full moon.	R. M. Reveil	Samuel Stephens
44	*St. Thomas	St. Thomas.	First Thursday	Hugh McKillop....	C. W. Marlatt
45	Brant	Brantford ..	Tuesday on or before full moon.	John Bishop	George Lindley
46	*Wellington	Chatham	First Monday	John H. Luscomb..	Jas. Birch
47	*Great Western	Windsor	Thursday on or before full moon	Thos. Burnie	Jas. C. Guillot
48	*Madoc	Madoc	Tuesday on or before full moon.	J. S. Loomis	James O'Hara, Jr
49	*Consecon	Consecon ..	Friday on or before full moon..	P. H. Thornton....	J. G. German
51	*Corinthian	Grahamville.	Tuesday on or before full moon.	Joseph Figg	Alex. F. Campbell
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	First Tuesday	C. S. Scott	W. C. MacAgy
54	*Vaughan	Maple	Tuesday on or before full moon.	George A. Enony...	Rev. H. Batiwin
55	*Merrickville	Merrickville.	Tuesday after full moon.....	Wm. Weir	Francis Bisset
56	Victoria	Sarnia	Tuesday on or before full moon.	John A. Mackenzie.	Samuel Allen
57	*Harmony	inbrook	Monday after full moon	James Russell	John Brown, Jr
58	*Doric	Ottawa	First Wednesday	Wm Kerr	J. P. Williams
59	*Corinthian	Ottawa	Third Thursday	Robert Watson....	Joseph Potts
61	*Acacia	Hamilton ..	Fourth Friday	John H. Tilden...	Henry Carscallen
62	*St. Andrew's	Carletonia ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	D. E. Broderick...	R. L. Nelles.
63	St. John's,	CarletonPlace	Wednesday on or before full moon	David McNab.....	Wm. Wilson, Jr.
64	*Kilwinning	London, ...	Third Thursday	C. A. Sippi	H. A. Baxter
65	*Rehoboth	Toronto, ...	First Thursday	G. C. Patterson.	Jas. Spencer
66	*Durham	Newcastle...	Tuesday on or before full moon,	D. McNaughton....	J. I. Lovkin, jr.
68	*St. John's	Ingersoll	Thursday on or before full moon	John Kerr	W. W. Grifley.

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NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
69	Stirling	Stirling	Thursday after the full moon every month.	Albert Chard.	John S. Black.
72	Alma	Galt	Thursday on or before full moon	Peter Gillies	W. H. Lutz.
73	*St. James's	St. Mary's	First Monday	Wm. Tytler	H. E. Wilson.
74	*St. James's	Matland	Monday nearest full moon	A. G. Harvey	C. B. Lemon.
75	St. John's	Toronto	First Monday	Seymour Porter	Ulysses Boddy.
76	*Cxford	Woods-ock	Second Wednesday	Joseph Rippon	Asa. Hall.
77	*Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay	First Thursday	S. C. Wood	H. Gladman.
78	*King Hiram	Tilsouburg.	Wed'n day on or before full moon	Thos. B Bain	John Secord.
79	*Simcoe	Bradford	Thursday after the full moon.	B. F. Kendall	Wm Strong.
80	Albion	Newbury	First Tuesday	Geo. Mansfield	Joseph Mills.
81	*St. John's	Mt. Brydges.	Tuesday on or before full moon.	H. G Lindsay	E. Handy.
82	*St. John's	Paris	Tuesday on or before full moon.	Chas. Flanagan	W. C. Jones.
83	*Beaver	Strathroy	Friday on or after full moon.	A Jamieson	John B. Clarke.
84	*Clinton	Clinton	Friday on or after full moon.	R. A. Barton	A. Worthington.
85	Rising Sun	Farmersville	Thursday nearest the full moon.	J. B. Saunders	Jas. H. Blackburn.
86	*Wilson	Toronto	Third Tuesday	George C. Moore	Joseph Wright.
87	Markham Union.	Markham	Friday on or before full moon.	John R. Hall	Jas. S. Wilson.
88	St. George's	Owen Sound.	Wednesday on or before f. moon	Richard Notter	John McWhirter
89	King Hiram	Lindsay	Third Friday	A. H. Melville	W. H. Grass.
90	*Manito	Col'ingwood.	Wednesday on or after full moon	John Ferguson	J. F. Mathews.
91	*Colborne	Colborne.	Friday on or before full moon.	B. Hinman	George Keyes.
92	*Catarqui	King's n	Second Wednesday	Thos. Gordon	F. Rowland.
93	*Northern Light	Kingcardine.	First Thursday	Jas. A. Macpherson	R. D. Hall.
94	*St. Mark's	Port Stanley.	Second Tuesday	O. Campbell	W. H. Gough.
95	Ridout	Otterville	Thursday on or before full moon	W. F. Kay	E. T. Erb.
96	*Corinthian	Barrie	Thursday on or before full moon	A. B. McPhie	C. B. King.

97	*Sharon.....	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	Sharon.....	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	Henry Mosier.....	William Dodds.
98	*True Blue.....	Friday on or before full moon ..	Abion.....	Friday on or before full moon ..	John B. Pewtress ..	Thos. Fisher.
99	*Tuscan.....	Second Wednesday	Newmarket ..	Second Wednesday	J. H. Widdifield....	J. H. Willard.
100	*Valley.....	Friday on or before full moon ..	Dundas.....	Friday on or before full moon ..	Luncan McMillan..	W. B. Irving.....
101	*Corinthian.....	Wednesday after full moon. ...	Peterboro' ..	Wednesday after full moon. ...	H. C. Winch.....	R. P. Boncher
103	*Apple Leaf.....	Thursday, on or after full moon.	St. Catharines.....	Thursday, on or after full moon.	J. E. Beeton.....	O. Whitaker.
104	*St. John's.....	Wednesday after full moon.....	Norwichville.....	Wednesday after full moon.....	Harry Couzens.....	S. B. McCay.
105	*St. Mark's.....	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	Drum'ndville ..	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	John Wills	M. B. Morris.
106	*Burford.....	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	Burford.....	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	F. L. Willson.....	A. B. McWilliams.
107	*St. Paul's.....	Second Wednesday.....	Lambeth.....	Second Wednesday.....	F. W. H. C. Jarvis ..	L. G. Jarvis.
108	*Blenheim.....	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	Drumbo.....	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	S. D. Brown.....	Thos. Welsh.
109	*Albion.....	Friday on or before full moon ..	Harrowsmith ..	Friday on or before full moon ..	J. seph Purdy.....	James Cooke.
110	*Central.....	First Tuesday.....	Prescott.....	First Tuesday.....	John Satchell.....	W. R. Walsh.
111	*Morpeth.....	Second Thursday	Ridgetown.....	Second Thursday	Ed. H. Tiffany.....	R. Porter.
112	*Maitland.....	Second Tuesday	Goderich.....	Second Tuesday	Isaac F. Toms.....	Richd. Ratcliffe.
113	*Wilson.....	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	Waterford.....	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	A. McMichael.....	David Wilson.
114	*Hope.....	First Thursday	Port Hope.....	First Thursday	Frank E. Gaudrie ..	W. G. Britton.
115	*Ivy.....	Tuesday on or after full moon..	Beausville.....	Tuesday on or after full moon..	Rott. Kemp.....	T. B. Henry.
116	*Cassia.....	Monday on or before full moon..	Wilder.....	Monday on or before full moon..	G. W. Holwell.....	J. P. Burns.
118	*Union.....	Monday on or before full moon ..	Schomberg ..	Monday on or before full moon ..	W. R. Jamison.....	James S. Hughes
119	*Maple Leaf.....	Monday before full moon.....	Bath.....	Monday before full moon.....	Wm. Belhour.....	John Belfour.
120	*Warren.....	First Tuesday	Fingal.....	First Tuesday	James Miller.....	E. Osborne
121	*Doric.....	Friday on or before full moon ..	Brantford.....	Friday on or before full moon ..	C. B. Heyd.....	Fred T. Wilkes.
122	*Renfrew.....	First Friday	Renfrew.....	First Friday	A. J. McIntyre.....	James Watt
123	*The Belleville.....	First Thursday	Belville.....	First Thursday	John McKeown.....	Wm. McKeown.
125	*Cornwall.....	First Tuesday	Cornwall.....	First Tuesday	Wm. Hill.....	Charles Foole
126	*Golden Rule.....	Tuesday on or after full moon..	Campbellsfrd.....	Tuesday on or after full moon..	R. S. Bonnycaste.....	S. W. Smith
127	*Frank.....	Monday before full moon	Frankfort.....	Monday before full moon	George W. Potter ..	Andrew Benedict
128	*Pembroke.....	First Tuesday	Pembroke.....	First Tuesday	Asher Ansell.....	Robert G. Scott
129	*The Rising Sun.....	Friday on or after full moon.....	Aurora.....	Friday on or after full moon.....	F. W. Strange.....	J. Anderson
131	*St. Lawrence.....	Second Tuesday	Southampton ..	Second Tuesday	Andrew Lindsay....	John Eastwood
133	*Lebanon Forest...	Monday on or before full moon...	Exeter.....	Monday on or before full moon...	Michael Eacrott....	C. Vandusen

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NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
135	*St. Clair.....	Milton.....	Thursday on or before full moon e'y month	Wm. Panton.....	A. S. Gillet
136	*Richardson.....	Stonfville..	Wednesday on or before full moon "	John R. Hoover...	Uram Johnson
137	*Pythagoras.....	Menford.....	Friday on or after full moon....	Robt. McIntosh...	F. F. Harris
139	*Lebanon.....	Osbawa.....	Second Tuesday.....	Geo. W. Kellond...	John Boyd
140	*Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	Wednesday on or after full moon "	S. S. Clucton.....	John C. Weishbrod
141	*Tndor.....	Mitchell.....	Tuesday on or before full moon "	Thomas Matheson..	Thomas Babb
142	*Excelsior.....	Morrisburgh.	Thursday on or before full moon "	Hamilton Fowler..	Wm. Carlye
143	*Friendly Brothers.	Iroquis.....	Wedne-day before full moon....	David Fink.....	John N Tuttle
144	*Tecumseh.....	Stratford...	First Thursday.....	George J. Waugh...	Chas Packer
145	*J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook...	Second Thursday.....	Henry Turner.....	George Knowlson
146	*Prince of Wales...	Newburgh..	Wednesday before full moon....	A. K. Aylsworth...	Jas. Mulholland
147	*Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	Friday on or before full moon....	Wm. Mostyn.....	Thos. Conter
148	*Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	Second Tuesday.....	John Walsh.....	W. G. Blyth
149	*Eric.....	Port Dover..	Monday on or before full moon.	Brian Valey.....	Lawrence Skey
150	*Hastings.....	Hastings...	Thursday on or before full moon "	Wm M. Orr.....	H Morton
151	*The Grand River..	Berlin.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.	Wm Hendry.....	Alexander Roy
153	*Burns.....	Wyoming...	Thursday on or before full moon "	W. B. Collins.....	H. G. Taylor
154	*Irving.....	Lucan.....	Thursday on or before full moon "	James Sutton.....	William Forte
155	*Peterborough.....	Peterborough	First Friday.....	John O'Donnell...	Arthur Robinson
156	*York.....	Eglinton...	Friday on or before full moon....	Thos. Armstrong...	John McCarter
157	*Sun son.....	Newboro'...	Tuesday on or after full moon....	Robert H. Preston..	Levi S. Lewis
158	*Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.	Thursday on or after full moon.	Wm. Smith.....	Water Miller
159	*Goodwood.....	Richmond...	First Tuesday.....	D. Beaty.....	L. P. Manthard
161	*Per y.....	Warkworth..	Wednesday before full moon....	A. E. Malloy.....	George H. Boyce
162	*Forest.....	Wroxeter...	Monday on or before full moon.	S. B. Smale.....	George Gibson

164	*Star in the East, ...	Wellington, ...	Tuesday on or before full moon every month	B. H. Young, ...	John B. Ferguson, ...
165	*Burlington, ...	Wel'n Square	Wednesday on or before full moon	G. C. Bastedo, ...	W. S. Bastedo, ...
166	*Wentworth, ...	Stoney Creek	Monday on or before full moon, ..	Hugh Murray, ...	E. B. Smith, ...
168	*Merritt, ...	Welland, ...	Monday on or before full moon, ..	J. J. Siday, ...	D. D. Hooper, ...
169	*Macnab, ...	Pt. Colborne, ...	Tuesday on or before full moon, ..	Jos. H. Smith, ...	R. A. Campbell, ...
170	*Britannia, ...	Seaforth, ...	Monday on or before full moon, ..	H. L. Vercoe, ...	Wm. Ballantyne, ...
171	*Prince of Wales, ...	Iona, ...	Friday on or before full moon, ..	John Edgecomb, ...	John Cascaden, ...
172	*Ayr, ...	1/2 yr	Tuesday on or before full moon, ..	Al-x. H. Kay, ...	John I. Piper, ...
174	*Walsingham, ...	Port Rowan, ...	First Thursday, ..	John Hudson, ...	Wm Ross, ...
176	*Spartan, ...	Sparta, ...	Monday on or before full moon, ..	F. A. Henderson, ...	John Callard, ...
177	*The Builders, ...	Ottawa, ...	Second Friday, ..	S. Rogers, ...	Wm. Rea, ...
178	*Plattsville, ...	Plattsville, ...	Friday on or before full moon, ..	George Risk, ...	B. bert J. Bouchier, ...
179	*Bothwell, ...	Bothwell, ...	Wednesday on or before full moon	Thos Boon, ...	George Moore, ...
180	Speed, ...	Guelph, ...	First Tuesday, ..	C. Pettiford, ...	Joseph Mimmack, ...
181	*Orient, ...	Port Burwell, ...	Tuesday on or before full moon, ..	M. G. Burwell, ...	W. A. Griffin, ...
183	*Prince Albert, ...	Port Perry, ...	Friday on or before full moon, ..	Jam's Emany, ...	W. H. Wilcox, ...
184	*Old Light, ...	Lusknow, ...	Thursday on or before full moon	Robert A. Weir, ...	John McKenzie, ...
185	*Enniskillen, ...	York, ...	Monday on or before full moon, ..	James Faulkner, ...	George Hoge, ...
186	*Plantagenet, ...	Plantagenet, ...	Monday on or before full moon, ..	Peter D. Davis, ...	G. P. Sills, ...
189	*Filius Vidue, ...	Ad. Alphonst'n	Wednesday on or before full moon	John G. Fawcett, ...	Rev. F. W. Raikes, ...
19*	*Belmonte, ...	Belmonte, ...	Friday on or before full moon, ..	John B. Watson, ...	James A. Orr, ...
192	*Orillia, ...	Orillia, ...	Friday on or before full moon, ..	E. B. Alport, ...	W. A. McLim, ...
193	*Scotland, ...	Scotland, ...	Monday on or before full moon, ..	C. F. F. Corbin, ...	John Fraser, ...
194	*Petrolia, ...	Petrolia, ...	Second Wednesday, ..	John B. Watson, ...	W. C. L. Gill, ...
195	*The Tuscan, ...	London, ...	First Monday, ..	C. Richardson, ...	A. Garrioch, ...
196	*Madawaska, ...	Annprior, ...	Thursday on or before full moon	James G. Cranston, ...	J's. Rawson, ...
197	*Saugeen, ...	Walkerton, ...	Second Tuesday, ..	Jabez Stephens, ...	Wm. Martin, ...
198	*White Oak, ...	Oakville, ...	Tuesday on or before full moon, ..	Maurice Felan, ...	Wm Colcleugh, ...
200	*St. Alban's, ...	Mount Forest, ...	Friday on or before full moon, ..	Alex. Gow, ...	E. C. Landon, ...
201	*Leeds, ...	Gananogue, ...	Tuesday on or before full moon, ..	John Ormiston, ...	John Bowes, ...
203	*Irvine, ...	Elora, ...	Friday before full moon, ..	John H. Kenning, ...	Wm. Millar, ...
205	*New Dominion, ...	New Hamb'g,	Monday on or after full moon, ..	Otto Pressprich, ...	

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206	*North Gower.	North Gower.	First Monday	Thomas Conley	James Lindsay.
207	*Lancaster	Lancaster. . .	Second Wednesday	J. W. McEdwards, . . .	D. McIntyre.
209a	*St. John's.	London.	Third Thursday	Thos. H. Tracy	John Shopland.
209	Evergreen	Lanark.	First Tuesday	David Munro	Robert Hollock.
210	*Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury.	Wednesday on or before f. moon	Robert McFadden ..	John Rigby.
212	*Ely-ian	Garden Island	First Monday	H. Malone	George Humming.
213	*Dominion	Ridgeway. . .	Wednesday on or before f. moon	James E. Moran	W. L. Allen.
214	*Craig	Alisa Craig. .	Monday on or after full moon..	D. J. Watson	W. G. Keeves.
215	Lake	Ameliasburg.	Monday on or before full moon.	W. G. Stafford	John C. Richards.
216	*Harris	Orangeville..	Tuesday on or before full moon.	Wm. Parsons	C. B. Jackes.
217	*Frederick.	Delhi	Monday on or before full moon.	J. C. Ross	Robert Irwin.
218	*Steveuson	Toronto	Second Monday	James Robertson ..	W. L. Hunter.
219	*Credit	Georgetown. .	Friday on or before full moon..	D. McKenzie	L. Grant.
220	*Zercedatha	Uxbridge. . .	Monday on or before full moon.	Rev. J. T. Dowling.	Jas. J. Hillary.
221	*Mountain	Thorold	Wednesday on or before f. moon.	John Dale	Wm. T. Fish.
222	*Marmora	Marmora	Tuesday before full moon	Thomas Warren	David Fitchett.
223	*Norwood	Norwood	Tuesday on or before full moon.	W. H. Stephenson ..	F. J. Moore.
224	*Zurich	Zurich	Friday on or before full moon..	Michael Zeller	Chas. Creeman.
225	*Bernard	Listowel	Wednesday on or before f. moon	John Nichol	J. A. Haeking.
228	*Prince Arthur	Odessa	Monday after full moon	Geo. A. Aylesworth.	B. A. Booth.
229	*Ionic	Brampton. . .	Wednesday on or before f. moon	A. B. Scott	Emanuel McKay.
230	*Kerr	Bell Ewart	Tuesday on or before full moon.	G. W. Simpson	John S. Reid.
231	Lodge of Fidelity ..	Ottawa	Second Wednesday	Wm. Rea	Alex. Taylor.
232	*Cameron	Wallacetown.	Wednesday on or before f. moon	John Rislen	S. Mathieson.
233	*Doric	Park Hill	Tuesday on or before full moon.	E. E. Chipman	W. W. Rutherford.
234	*Beaver	Clarksburg ..	Tuesday on or before full moon.	Geo. Reekie	Charles Pye.

235	Aldworth	Paisley	Friday on or before full moon every month	P. McLaren	James C. Gibson.
236	*Manitoba.	Bondhead	Tuesday on or after full moon	Jas. St. Clair	Ira Dean.
237	Vienna	Vienna	Friday on or before full moon	John H. Teall	John Dean.
238	Havelock	Watford	Tuesday before full moon	D. J. Campb II	Daniel McLachlan.
239	Tweed.	Tweed.	Friday on or before full moon	George Easterbrook	William Wray.
241	*Quinte.	Shannonville	Tuesday after full moon	H. P. Reduer.	R. A. Fullerton.
242	*Macey	Escott Front	Monday on or before full moon	R. B. Aylsworth	W. P. Dailey.
243	*St. George.	T. George	Thursday on or before full moon	E. E. Kitchen	R. G. Lawrason.
245	Tecumseh	Thamsville.	Thursday on or before full moon	B. L. Chipman	D. H. Bedford.
247	*Ashtar.	Yorkville	Fourth Tuesday	W. C. Pridham	Wm. B. Canavan.
248	Eureka	Pakenham	Wednesday	Wm. Cunningham	W. H. Law.
249	*Caledonian.	Angus	Tuesday on or after full moon	John McKimmie	Alex. Cooper.
250	Thistle	Embro.	Thursday on or before full moon	Henry Adams	James Munro.
253	Mirnden	Kingston.	First Monday	James Redden	James Kearns.
254	Clifton.	Clifton.	Thursday on or before full moon	Robert Robinson	Hy Preston.
255	Sydenham.	Dresden.	Wednesday on or after full moon	James W. Sharpe	Neville Smith.
256	*Farran's Point	Farran's Point	First Wednesday	C. A. Summers	A. Archibald.
257	*Galt	Galt.	Tuesday on or before full moon.	Alfred Taylor	Donald Robertson.
258	Guelph	Guelph	Second Tuesday	Hugh Walker	W. J. Patterson.
259	*Springfield	Springfield	Monday on or before full moon.	James Newell	J. B. Lucas.
260	*Washington	Petrolia.	First Tuesday	Wm Steverson	E. Burnham.
261	*Oak Branch	Inverkip.	Thursday on or before full moon	Chas. E. Foster	John Callan.
262	Harriston	Harriston	Monday on or after full moon	Alexander Irvine	Alex. Michie.
263	*Forest	Forest	Wednesday on or before full moon	H. J. Nash	Thos Wood.
264	*Chaudiere	Utawa.	First Monday	P. N. Mason	v Schofie'd.
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Thursday on or before full moon	C. H. Keffer	John C Woods.
266	*Northern Light	Stayner	Tuesday before full moon	Christian Troyer	R. M. Perdue.
267	*Partheon	Chatham	First Wednesday	Wm. Caruthers	Charles Dunlop.
268	Verulam	Bobevygon.	First Monday	R. K. Connell	J. G. Edwards
269	*Brougham Union.	Brougham.	Wednesday after full moon.	George Darby	Peter McIntyre.
270	*Cedar	Oshawa.	Fourth Tuesday.	C. A. Jones	Wm M Currie.
271	Wellington	Erin.	Wednesday on or before full moon	James Broddy	Hy. McNaughton.

Returns of Subordinate Lodges, as at 24th June, 1875.—(Continued.)

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Wed'n'sday on or before full moon e'y month	S. A. Findlay	Wm. Scott.
274	*Kent.	Blenheim.	Third Monday	S. Duke	James Devlin.
276	Teeswater	Teeswater.	Friday on or before full moon.	H. B. O'Connor	John Millar.
277	Seymour	Pt. Dalhousie	Wednesday on or before f. moon	Geo. W. Read	W. R. Telford.
278	Mystic	Roslin.	Wednesday before full moon.	Chas. Hudson	P. G. Duncan.
279	New Hope.	Hesper.	Wednesday on or before full moon	A. B. Jardine	W. Jardine.
280	Mount Sinai.	Napanee	First Thursday	James Ferguson.	H. W. Perry.
281	*Thorne	Holland L'd'g	First Tuesday	Alex. Williams	David S. Ross.
282	Lorne	Glencoe.	Thursday on or before full moon.	W. G. Lumley	Stephen Blackburn.
283	*Eur-ka	Belleville.	First Wednesday after full moon	Wm. Jones	J. A. G. Cruzier.
284	*St. John's	Brussels.	Tuesday on or before full moon	Rob't Patterson.	J. W. Kerr.
285	Seven Star	Alliston	Wednesday on or before f. moon	Wm. Wright.	Wm Elliott
286	*Wingham	Wingham.	Tuesday on or before full moon.	John Ritchie	Benj. Willson.
287	Shuniah	Pt. Arthur's L.	Tuesday on or before full moon.	C. C. Forneri	H. J. Vivian.
289	*Doric.	Lob.	Thursday on or before full moon	T. R. Powell	Joshua Irvine.
290	*Leamington.	Leamington	Thursday on or before full moon	J. E. Johnson.	H. J. Coulson.
291	*Duff-rin.	W Flamboro'	Thursday on or before full moon	Christopher Fry.	John A. Shebb.
292	*Robertson.	Nobleton	Wednesday on or before f. moon	W. J. Cam'ron.	A. Shank.
293	The Roy' Sol Mother	J rusale'm Pal	First Wednesday.	Rollo Floyd	Serapion J Murad.
294	*Moore	Mooretown	Thursday on or before full moon.	Wm. Abernethy	John Linton.
295	*C-nestogo.	Drayton.	Thursday on or after full moon.	Joseph J. Fawcett.	S. R. Dal's.
296	*Temple	St. Catharines	First Wednesday.	Calvin Brown.	Gas. J. Higman.
297	Preston.	Preston.	Friday on or before full moon.	John Chapman.	Geo. Kratzmiet.
299	Victoria	Centr-ville.	Thursday on or before full moon	John S. Miller	D. E. Rose
300	*Mount Olivet.	Thorndale.	Tuesday on or before full moon.	W. D. Salmon.	James Ross.
301	*Hanover.	Hanover.	Monday on or before full moon.	D. McDonald.	Wm. H. Colles, jr.

302	St. David's	St. Thomas ..	Monday on or before full moon ..	Francis Morrison ..	George Collis.
303	*Blyth	Blyth	Second Wednesday	William Wilson ...	Wm. Sloan.
304	*Minerva	Victoria	Tuesday on or after full moon ..	Thos. Brunskill ..	W. H. Mulholland.
305	*Humber	Weston	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	Frank W. Forbes ..	Charles Macmuun.
306	Durham	Durham	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	James H. Hunter ..	Charles L Grant.
307	*Arkona	Arkona	Thursday on or before full moon ..	John Dallas	E Wintemute.
308	Grafton	Grafton	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	Francis J. Drake ...	Edward H yward
309	Morning Star	Smith's Hill ..	Second Wednesday	John Vaucoe	Robert B. Scott.
310	Enterprise	Beachburg ..	First Tuesday	George Forbes	H. R Wigl-sworth.
311	*Blackwood	Woodbidge ..	Friday on or before full moon ..	Joe Ream-n	C. H. Dunning.
312	Pnax	Walachburg ..	Monday on or before full moon ..	Harvey Morris	Francis J. Sawyer.
313	*Clamenti	Lakefield	Tuesday after full moon	W L. Scott	A. P. Bower.
314	*Blair	Palmerston ..	Friday after full moon	Hugh Hyndman ...	A. Bruce Munson.
315	*Clifford	Clifford	Third Monday	K McL. Walton ...	Ab. S. Allan.
316	*Doric	Toronto	Second Wednesday	R. P. tephens.	Chas. Callighen.
317	*The Hiram	Dundas	Second Tuesday	Nathaniel Greening	J. S. Baillie.
318	Wilmut	Baden	Friday on or after full moon ..	John Moran	C. Zoeger.
319	*Hiram	Cheapside ..	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	Jesse V. Hoover ...	Thos. Newby.
320	*Cheserville	Chesterville ..	Monday on or before full moon ..	Wm. Wilson French	
321	*Walker	Acton West ..	Monday on or before full moon ..	Hugh Walker	Thomas Clark.
322	*Noth Star	Owen Sound ..	Wednesday after full moon ..	John Creasor, jr. ...	H. Robinson.
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	Tuesday on or after full moon ..	M. Matheson	
324	*Temple	Hamilton	Fourth Monday	J. M. Gibson	C. Lemon.
325	Orono	Orono	Thursday on or before full moon ..	W. T. Lockhart ...	
326	Zetland	Toronto	Fourth Friday	J. G. Burns	Thos. Sargant.
327	The Hammond	Wardsville ..	Third Tuesday	W. D Hammond ...	
328	Ionic	Napier	Friday on or before full moon ..	N. J. Lindsay	
329	King Solomon	Jarvis	Friday on or before full moon ..	J. A. Hoshal	
330	Corinthian	London East ..	Fist Tuesday	W. Fleming	
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	Alex. Irvine	
332	Stratford	Stratford	Second Monday	Ichabod Baker	A. Matheson.
U D	Prince Arthur	Flesherton ..	Friday on or after full moon	M. Richardson	

SUSPENSIONS.—UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

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- No. 33. *Goderich Lodge, Goderich, Ont.*
Joseph Miller.
- No. 57. *Harmony Lodge, Binbrook, Ont.*
James Mitchell.
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburg, Ont.*
A. H. Brown.
- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon, Ont.*
John Dean.
- No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro', Ont.*
Maurice Dunsford.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*
James S. Bowman.
- No. 176. *Spartan Lodge, Sparta, Ont.*
Andrew Kelleck.
- No. 210. *Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury, Ont.*
John Campbell.
- No. 212. *Elysian Lodge, Garden Island, Ont.*
Frederick Bowden.
- No. 243. *St. George Lodge, St. George, Ont.*
George H. Griffin.
- No. 248. *Eureka Lodge, Pakenham, Ont.*
Henry Drummond.
- No. 258. *Guelph Lodge, Guelph, Ont.*
H. F. Tuck.
- No. 261. *Oak Branch Lodge, Innerkip, Ont.*
Thomas Mountford.
- No. 262. *Harriston Lodge, Harriston, Ont.*
Wm. Squier.
- No. 279. *New Hope Lodge, Hespeler, Ont.*
Charles James Ellis.
- No. 300. *Mount Olivet Lodge, Thorndale, Ont.*
Robert Smith.

SUSPENSIONS.—FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

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- No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara, Ont.*
Frederick M. Clement.
- No. 3. *The Ancient St. John's Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*
Hiram Leonard, A. Sluman, Thos. D. Taylor, John McKee.

- No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville, Ont.*
John Caldwell, Alexander Rodgers.
- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*
Alexander Arnold, John J. Barnes, A. P. M. Colver, Charles Clench, John Fitzgerald, Darius Slingerland, William J. Sutherland, A. F. Pattison, Arthur Boyle.
- No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, Ont.*
R. N. Willoughby, C. C. Moore, George N. Simmons, Henry Stickle, Henry B. Cruso, William Boyd, Samuel Ratallick.
- No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
Thos. Milne, Mark K. Irish, John Kerby, H. S. Macdonald.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*
Robert Grant, J. W. Quinlan.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
Alexander Mackay, William Ratsey.
- No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunnville, Ont.*
John Reston, A. McDonald, W. A. McCrae, Jacob Fyfe, H. Lowe, W. T. House, James Hanley, J. C. Alair, G. Tonger, Robert Steven, Hugh House, J. F. Cock.
- No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, Ont.*
Richard Broughton.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*
S. T. Daniels, J. Gardham, J. C. Hurd, J. Minore, John Kenwick, James Spence, J. W. Wilkins, R. A. Duncan, Samuel Hannant, J. N. Keefer, C. D. Tufford, H. S. Whitty, G. H. Westlake, Reginald Henwood.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*
Alexander R. Cochrane, W. G. Livingstone, R. J. McIntyre, J. L. Thompson.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor, Ont.*
C. Carroll, J. J. Manner, M. Morreen, M. Minnear, C. Newman, John Taylor, George Walker, J. Hurst.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, Ont.*
D. S. Cummins, J. S. Gustin.
- No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple, Ont.*
Henry Miller, Henry LePrice.
- No. 55. *Merrickville Lodge, Merrickville, Ont.*
David Hopkins.
- No. 57. *Harmony Lodge, Binbrook, Ont.*
Caleb H. Smith, Robert H. Biggar.
- No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
M. Hill, J. Belling, H. R. Old, John B. Matches, Jas. Sutherland, Alf Myles, F. Landau, W. T. Sloane, W. H. Bulmer, John Faulk, M. J. Morton, F. A. Gardner.

- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London, Ont.*
W. H. Street, John Price, Wm. Campbell.
- No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling, Ont.*
J. P. Clapp, R. Finch, J. K. Faulkner, James Boldrick,
W. W. Armstrong, S. Caldwell.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt, Ont.*
Wm. Prest, D. Stewart, Thomas Morrison, L. W. Washburn,
J. C. Donaldson, P. Scott.
- No. 87. *Markham Union Lodge, Markham, Ont.*
Joseph T. Carnaghan, Lewis Godfrey.
- No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound, Ont.*
W. T. Robertson.
- No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, Ont.*
George McKenzie, John McN. Campbell, William Bain,
Edward Bigging, Thos. Roadley, H. P. Flack, A. W. Robinson.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne, Ont.*
S. L. Scripture, H. Fowler, B. Jackson, C. J. Strong, J. Brown,
W. C. Dulmage, J. Pettit, A. Pink, James Blacklock, P.
Macfarlane.
- No. 93. *Northern Light, Kincardine, Ont.*
H. A. Judson.
- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon, Ont.*
Peter McVear, R. Parks, F. P. Earls, F. J. McDonald.
- No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, Ont.*
Jesse Peckham.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St Catharines, Ont.*
Wm. McGhie, J. B. Benson, Henry Bold.
- No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford, Ont.*
Thomas G. Flewelling.
- No. 108. *Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo, Ont.*
Alex. Fisher, J. B. Capron, Wm. Vanderlip.
- No. 112. *Maitland Lodge, Goderich, Ont.*
F. J. Ferguson, H. C. Seale, Wm. Phillips, R. Roberts, Wm.
Smith, J. McN. Breckenridge, J. Segmiller, E. Gladhill, J. J.
Wright, E. George, John McLeod, J. Madden, D. Bell, W. G.
Smith, C. Noble, W. Cummings, D. McKenzie, James Davis,
Josh. Galloway.
- No. 115. *Ivy Lodge, Beamsville, Ont.*
C. M. Snyder, R. S. Merrill, R. Horning.
- No. 120. *Warren Lodge, Fingal, Ont.*
Levi Walker.
- No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*
Reg'd Henwood.

- No. 128. *Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke, Ont.*
David Cockburn, Peter Graham, Francis O'Cain.
- No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, Ont.*
Thomas Shanles.
- No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, Ont.*
A. Mackay, Thomas Frisby, David Sloss, James McClintic,
Elijah M. Miller, Samuel J. Cowley.
- No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, Ont.*
John Garvin, Carl A. Hanson, L. R. Smith.
- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, Ont.*
John Boyd.
- No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburgh, Ont.*
S. P. Reddick, James Cutberston, G. Liffitton, S. Logan,
Henry Monk.
- No. 143. *Friendly Brother's Lodge, Iroquois, Ont.*
Joseph Skinner, John Wyld, Chas. Courtney, George E.
Rainsford.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, Ont.*
Thos. Maddocks, John Klein, James Rous.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
Chas. Owen.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, Ont.*
Richard Lloyd, M. Silverfriend, Chas. Glover.
- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, Ont.*
A. Stoakes R. Ennis, James W. Taylor, E. R. Springer, Z.
A. Elliott, Alex. McKenzie.
- No. 168. *Merritt Lodge, Welland, Ont.*
Hugh Russell.
- No. 170. *Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, Ont.*
John A. McAlpin, W. F. Linton.
- No. 180. *Speed Lodge, Guelph, Ont.*
John R. Porte, Wm. Brownlow.
- No. 181. *Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell, Ont.*
Wm. Temple, James G. Reid, Jas. McIntyre, David Merrill.
- No. 190. *Belmont Lodge, Belmont, Ont.*
Geo. Skelding, Henry Silk, A. McMillan.
- No. 194. *Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia, Ont.*
John Vansycle, Neil Bayne, F. H. Doty, Z. A. Elliott, W. H.
Watkins, J. L. Biglow.
- No. 197. *Saugeen Lodge, Walkerton, Ont.*
Wm. Walsh, J. G. Totten.

- No. 203. *Irviue Lodge, Elora, Ont.*
Thos. Oakley, Alex. G. Duncan.
- No. 209a. *St John's Lodge, London, Ont.*
John Dulmage, Henry Murch, Henry Greer, Thomas Mickie,
Wm. Bell, George Craddock.
- No. 213. *Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway, Ont.*
Wm. T. House, R. B. House, J. A. Barnhart.
- No. 216. *Harris Lodge, Orangeville, Ont.*
John Yeoman, M. Vance, Samuel Nelson.
- No. 218. *Stevenson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
T. A. Thompson, John Smith, Henry Hartley, J. M. Sutherland,
Ralph Ingham.
- No. 219. *Credit Lodge, Georgetown, Ont.*
James A. Depotie.
- No. 222. *Marmora Lodge, Marmora, Ont.*
Alex. McKay Chisholm, Adam Louckes, James Nichol,
Richard Campion.
- No. 223. *Norwood Lodge, Norwood, Ont.*
George Mitchell, D. Donovan.
- No. 230. *Kerr Lodge, Bell Ewart.*
J. D. Crompton.
- No. 231. *Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, Ont.*
H. A. Palmer, Geo. Armstrong, J. S. Nicholson, R. L. James.
- No. 237. *Vienna Lodge, Vienna, Ont.*
C. O. Editor.
- No. 255. *Sydenham Lodge, Dresden, Ont.*
John N. Elliott.
- No. 261. *Oak Branch Lodge, Innerkip, Ont.*
James Sinclair, John Wall, E. Demerias.
- No. 262. *Harriston Lodge, Harriston, Ont.*
James Young, Daniel Murdoch.
- No. 267. *Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*
Frederick Skey, Geo Dickson, J. L. Thompson, D. P. Bogart.
- No. 268. *Verulam Lodge, Bobcaygeon, Ont.*
W. E. Everest, George Swanton, John McSweyn.
- No. 284. *St. John's Lodge, Brussels Ont.*
William Vanstone.
- No. 285. *Seven Star Lodge, Allison, Ont.*
E. Tynne, Robert Evans.
- No. 301. *Hamover Lodge, Hanover, Ont.*
J. B. Davis, Thomas Boddy.

 EXPULSION.

- No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro' Ont.*
Maurice Dunsford.
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 RESTORATIONS.

- No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara, Ont.*
David Thorborn.
- No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
John B. McCune.
- No. 14. *True Briton's Lodge, Perth, Ont.*
John Mitchell.
- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*
Arthur Boyle.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
Peter Cameron.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward Lodge, Picton, Ont.*
H. E. Bowels.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
Alex. McKay.
- No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton, Ont.*
Samuel P. Gross.
- No. 31. *Jervusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, Ont.*
Wm. Reid.
- No. 33. *Goderich Lodge, Goderich, Ont.*
Frederick R. Mar.
- No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, Ont.*
Daniel H. Carroll.
- No. 41. *St. George's Lodge, Kingsville, Ont.*
M. Griffin.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*
Adiran Marlett.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, Ont.*
Richard Squires.
- No. 55. *Merrickville Lodge, Merrickville, Ont.*
Robert Gwynne, P. Y. Merrick.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, Ont.*
Wm. Munro, John McDonald.

- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London, Ont.*
J. W. Scott.
- No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, Ont.*
Joseph Whaley, Nicholas Taylor.
- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
Edwin Gledhill.
- No. 77. *Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay, Ont.*
Thomas C. Bartholemew.
- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury, Ont.*
John C. Cameron.
- No. 81. *St. John's Lodge, Mt. Brydges, Ont.*
Wm. Fraser.
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
Henry Burden.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne, Ont.*
H. Fowler.
- No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, Ont.*
Wm. K. Robinson.
- No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Otterville, Ont.*
M. Reynolds.
- No. 96. *Corinthian Lodge, Burrie, Ont.*
Wm. J. Sargent.
- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon, Ont.*
R. B. C. Plater.
- No. 98. *True Blue Lodge, Albion, Ont.*
Wm Fleming.
- No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford, Ont.*
Henry Hipkins.
- No. 115. *Ivy Lodge, Beamsville, Ont.*
James S. Bates.
- No. 119. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath, Ont.*
James Wemp.
- No. 131. *St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton, Ont.*
Wm. Smith.
- No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, Ont.*
Wm. Bertram, Samuel Mighton.
- No. 140. *Malahide Lodge, Aylmer, Ont.,*
Ezra Foote.
- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, Ont.*
R. J. Widdis.

- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, Ont.*
Peter M. Oronhyatekha.
- No. 145. *J. B. Hall Lodge, Millbrook, Ont.*
George B. Armstrong.
- No. 154. *Irving Lodge, Lucan, Ont.*
Thos. A. Stuart.
- No. 155. *Peterboro' Lodge, Peterboro', Ont.*
Henry Calcut, W. M. Goodwin, Henry Lawson.
- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, Ont.*
Chas. M. Smith.
- No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan, Ont.*
James Day, George Louch.
- No. 192. *Orillia Lodge, Orillia, Ont.*
A. M. Empey, N. Patterson.
- No. 232. *Cameron Lodge, Wallacetown, Ont.*
Thos. Casack, E. Osborne.
- No. 262. *Harriston Lodge, Harriston, Ont.*
Wm. Squier.
- No. 268. *Verulam Lodge, Bobcaygeon, Ont.*
John McSweyn.



AT REST.

NAMES.	No.	LODGE.	DATE.
William Little.....	2	Niagara.....	January 20.....1875
R. W. Wilson.....			May 31.....1875
John Robb.....	3	Ancient St. Johns.	October 5.....1874
George Anderson.....			January 14.....1875
Richard Watt.....			April 7.....1875
William Martin.....	5	Sussex.....	July 20.....1874
Hugh Moore.....	6	Barton.....	October 18.....1874
Thomas B. Howell.....			May 9.....1875
William M. Wilson.....	10	Norfolk.....	January 16.....1875
Steven Newell.....			February 19.....1875
James S. Mendell.....	11	Moirra.....	November 17.....1874
Sidney Battrick.....	15	St. George's.....	February 15.....1875
Malcolm Morrison.....			October 9.....1874
James Perring.....	16	St. Andrew's.....	October 16.....1874
Jacob Snider.....			June 18.....1875
John O. Conger.....			November 20.....1874
William Dongall.....	18	Prince Edward's..	December 18.....1874
William Jolley.....	22	King Solomon's..	June 6.....1875
M. F. Whitehead.....			
G. Bennett.....	26	Ontario.....	May 6.....1875
Israel J. Bowen.....			May 12.....1875
John G. Fraser.....	27	Strict Observance.	June.....1874
V. H. Taylor.....			July 11.....1874
Richard H. Rae.....			November 5.....1874
William R. Anderson.....	28	Mount Zion.....	May 31.....1875
Isaac Carey.....			August 6.....1874
Cornelius Mounting.....	29	United.....	October 16.....1874
John Thomson.....			November 12.....1874
William Lawrie.....	30	Composite.....	April 18.....1875
Abraham Root.....			February 14.....1875
George W. Servos.....	32	Amity.....	April 14.....1875
Thomas B. Harris.....			August 18.....1874
Esau Webber.....	40	St. John's.....	October 23.....1874
William Watson.....			October 26.....1874
James McKay.....	42	St. George's.....	August 5.....1874
John Jones.....			March 4.....1874
Henry Caldwell.....	44	St. Thomas.....	April 19.....1874
William Martin.....			April 26.....1874
George W. Dodwell.....	45	Brant.....	.....1874
Thomas R. Powell.....	46	Wellington.....	January 28.....1875
Charles Smith.....			May 1.....1875
Hugh White.....	47	Great Western...	August 1.....1874
James Forbes.....			September 16.....1874
George Shuel.....			November 21.....1874
Violet Davis.....	52	Dalhousie.....	October 22.....1875
G. W. Stacey.....			September 4.....1875
William Snowden.....	54	Vaughan.....	May 18.....1875
Walter Wickwire.....	55	Merrickville.....	August 25.....1875
Stephen Merrick.....			April 30.....1875
George Russell.....	56	Victoria.....	May 2.....1875
William Campbell.....	57	Harmony.....	October 9.....1874
O. R. Bennett.....	59	Corinthian.....	.....
Thomas B. Harris.....	61	Acacia.....	August 18.....1874
Thomas McComb.....			August 30.....1874
George Allan.....	63	St. John's.....	March 6.....1875
Peter Barrie.....			May 22.....1875
James S. Ironsides..			July 25.....1874
Matthew Hood.....	64	Kilwinning.....	September 11.....1874
William Love.....			October 18.....1874
Thomas F. McMullen.....	72	Alma.....	February 20.....1875
David C. Wheeler.....	73	St. James.....	July 24.....1875
Lewis Tyfer.....			July 15.....1875
William McClelland.....	74	St. James.....	July 1.....1874
Charles Eldridge.....			February 12.....1875
John G. Fraser.....			July 27.....1874
Walter M. Tenny.....	75	St. John's.....	May 14.....1875

AT REST.

NAMES.	No.	LODGE.	DATE.
William Pettitt.....	76	Oxford	May 25.....1875
Lambert Cowell.....	78	King Hiram.....	October 6.....1874
John Lawrence.....	82	St. John's.....	May 4.....1875
Benjamin J. Campton	86	Wilson	June 17.....1874
John A. Defries.....			September 12.....1874
William J. Milne.....	87	Markham	August 5.....1874
Charles Gimby.....	88	St. George's.....	December 8.....1874
A. N. Bethune.....	91	Colborne	July 6.....1874
H. N. Casey.....			December 7.....1874
Francis Milo.....	92	Cataraqui	January 26.....1875
Ross Robertson.....	93	Northern Light	November 26.....1874
William J. Forest.....	94	St. Mark's	July 4.....1874
Thomas Edgecombe.....			May 6.....1875
Samuel Neely.....			May 23.....1875
Thomas Scott.....	98	True Blue.....	September.....1874
G. T. Whitehead.....	100	Valley	August 1.....1874
William Tunis.....			February 22.....1875
Charles H. Smith.....	102	Maple Leaf.....	February 9.....1874
D. Cooper.....			June 17.....1874
T. Thompson.....	104	St. John's.....	February 20.....1874
Alexander Stuart.....			April 2.....1875
Charles Douglas.....	105	St. Mark's.....	November 5.....1874
Walter Hands.....			April 16.....1875
Michael Rick.....	109	Albion.....	December 4.....1874
Edwin Shibley.....	113	Wilson.....	March.....1875
Christopher McRae.....			June 10.....1875
Thomas W. Haigh.....	115	Ivy	June 16.....1874
Jesse Ruth.....			August 3.....1874
Alfred S. Proctor.....	116	Cassia	May 17.....1875
W. M. Tenny.....			May.....1874
A. J. McPherson.....	125	Cornwall.....	May 25.....1875
James Archer.....	126	Golden Rule	October 7.....1874
Ephraim Maybee.....	127	Franck	September 2.....1874
Joseph R. Supple.....	128	Pembroke	January 16.....1875
William Mercer Wilson.....			December 23.....1874
John Reid.....	131	St. Lawrence.....	March 4.....1875
James Adair.....			October 3.....1873
Elias B. Armstrong.....	136	Richardson	January 20.....1874
L. Morden.....			June 1.....1875
Isaac Reesor.....	144	Tecumseh.....	August 31.....1874
Joseph Stubbs.....			October 19.....1874
James Bolton.....	147	Mississippi.....	December 14.....1874
James Caldwell.....	148	Civil Service.....	.....1875
James Gibb.....	151	The Grand River.....	June 15.....1875
N. F. Simons.....	154	Irving	December 8.....1874
Thomas A. Stuart.....	155	Peterborough	April 8.....1875
Henry Eastland.....	156	York	June.....1875
Jacob Snider.....	159	Goodwood	January 16.....1875
John McLaren.....	165	Burlington.....	February 18.....1875
Jenn Simcoe.....	174	Walsingham	October 19.....1875
Andrew Lees.....	177	The Builders.....	March.....1875
Daniel Forbes.....	178	Plattsville	August 31.....1874
M. M. O'Connor.....	183	Prince Albert	February 20.....1875
Walter Pound.....	185	Enniskillen.....	April 25.....1875
Jacob Young.....	192	Orillia	August 30.....1874
T. S. Atkinson.....	193	Scotland	November 16.....1874
Robt. Secord.....	196	Madawaska	June 25.....1874
Jas. White.....	197	Saugeen	December 17.....1874
Peter B. Brown.....	200	St Alban's	April 10.....1875
G. R. King.....	203	Irvine	February 14.....1875
John W. Hcll.....	209a	St. John's.....	July.....1874
Jacob Le Clare.....	218	Stevenson	July.....1874
Geo. Munn.....			November 14.....1874
Geo. Fish.....	221	Lodge of Fidellty	April 22.....1875
John Morley.....	229	Ionic.....	October 31.....1874
David S. Leslie.....			

AT REST.

NAMES.	No.	LODGE.	DATE.
Wm. Hutson.....	233	Doric.....	March 5..... 1875
Wm. Daniels.....	238	Havelock.....	May —..... 1875
B. R. Ross.....	240	Prince Rupert's.....	July —..... 1874
A. H. Murray.....	244	Lisgar.....	April —..... 1874
B. R. Ross.....			June —..... 1874
David B. Shaw.....	245	Tecumseh.....	August 13..... 1874
James Richey.....	248	Eureka.....	April 19 h..... 1874
John V. Noel.....	253	Minden.....	January 16..... 1874
Gorge Lewis.....			March —..... 1874
Robt. Chance.....	253	Guelph.....	February 24..... 1874
James Parker.....			May 3..... 1875
Albert Woodworth.....	259	Springfield.....	August 5..... 1875
Judson Bray.....			August 18..... 875
Jefferson C. Merrill.....	264	Chaudiere.....	July 8..... 1874
R. J. Stanton.....	265	Patterson.....	September 30..... 1874
Robt. Dunn.....	266	Northern Light ..	August 19th..... 1874
John H. Slowcombe.....			.....
A. D. Bogart.....	267	Parthenon.....	January 21..... 1875
W. H. Greene.....	268	Vernham.....	June 3..... 1875
Chas. Todd.....	270	Cedar.....	April 9..... 1875
T. W. McMurray.....	272	Seymour.....	March 30..... 1875
John A. Ash.....	274	Kent.....	June 25..... 1875
Peter B. Brown.....	276	Teeswater.....	.....
Manuel S. Lucid.....	279	New Hope.....	October 25..... 1874
Stewart B. Lindsay.....	288	Anc't. L ndmark.....	November 15..... 1874
John s. Gleason.....	292	Robertson.....	May 26..... 1875
Robt. Knox.....	294	Moore.....	June 16..... 1875
John Walker.....	301	Hanover.....	February —..... 1875
Richard A. Tight.....	312	Pnyx.....	September 12..... 1875
Robt. Casement.....	313	Clementi.....	December 16..... 1874



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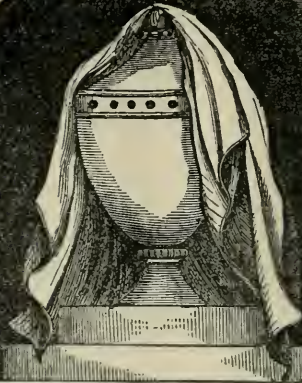
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DIED 18th AUGUST, A. D. 1874
AGED 56 YEARS.

AT REST.



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MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

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Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada.

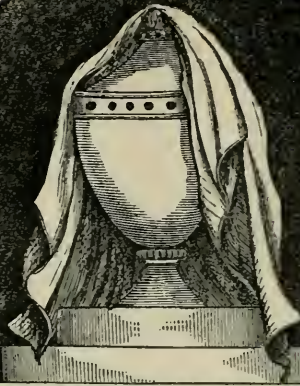
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ROBERT M. WILLSON,

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Past District Deputy Grand Master,
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AGED 46 YEARS.

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"	" "	Samuel Woods,	Kingston,	" St. Lawrence	"
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" " "	J. B. Traves, P. D. D. G. M.,	Port Hope,	"
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" " "	Hugh Murray, P. G. J. W.,	Hamilton,	"
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"	"	"	R. Ramsay,	" Ohio.
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"	"	"	J. J. Mason,	" Kansas.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24th June, 1875.

Lodges marked thus (†) have made no returns during the year.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Susp.N.P.D.	Susp.U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	No. of Mem.
2	Niagara	6	4	6	1	3	2	1	..	..	1	50
3	Ancient St. John's	12	13	13	1	4	3	4	..	..	..	143
5	Sussex	9	10	11	6	2	1	2	..	..	..	107
6	Barton	14	10	11	7	2	2	..	..	..	1	190
7	Union	3	3	3	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	58
9	Union	1	3	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	67
10	Norfolk	5	5	3	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	84
11	Moira	8	8	6	4	10	1	..	..	..	..	62
14	True Britons'	3	5	7	4	4	..	..	..	..	1	59
15	St. George's	7	6	8	2	4	1	9	..	..	1	115
16	St. Andrew's	9	5	6	1	7	3	..	..	..	1	138
17	St. John's	1	2	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	63
18	Prince Edward	9	7	7	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	110
20	St. John's	10	10	13	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	111
22	King Solomon's	9	14	17	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	152
23	Richmond	3	4	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	56
24	St. Francis	6	5	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	41
25	Ionic	6	9	10	7	4	..	4	..	..	..	106
26	Ontario	6	7	7	3	2	3	2	..	..	..	55
27	Strict Observance	11	14	15	7	6	3	2	..	..	1	166
28	Mount Zion	3	1	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	53
29	United	3	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	33
30	Composite	4	4	4	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	68
31	Jerusalem	1	4	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	53
32	Amity	8	7	6	2	5	2	12	..	..	..	83
33	Goderich	8	8	8	1	3	..	..	1	..	1	71
34†	Thistle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
35	St. John's	1	4	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	51
36	Welland	7	12	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	58
37	King Hiram	3	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	74
38†	Trent	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
39	Mount Zion	9	7	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	43
40	St. John's	12	14	14	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	157
41	St. George's	5	6	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	69
42	St. George's	8	7	9	3	6	2	..	..	..	..	99
43	King Solomon's	10	10	9	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	69
44	St. Thomas	14	16	15	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	101
45	Brant	7	8	8	..	6	1	14	..	..	1	94
46	Wellington	8	9	11	..	2	2	4	..	..	..	80
47	Great Western	16	13	11	3	1	4	8	..	..	..	118
48	Madoc	3	1	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	52
50	Consecon	5	4	4	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	32
51†	Corinthian	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
52	Dalhousie	5	6	8	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	107
54	Vaughan	5	8	8	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	63
55	Merrickville	10	7	10	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	48
56	Victoria	6	3	3	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	106
57	Harmony	4	8	8	..	2	1	2	1	..	..	38
58	Doric	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	89
59	Corinthian	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	51
61	Acacia	9	13	11	4	1	3	12	..	..	..	143
62	St. Andrew's	6	2	5	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	57
63	St. John's	7	7	6	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	45
64	Kilwinning	15	14	14	4	5	4	3	..	..	1	133
65	Rehobeam	4	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	93
66	Durham	2	1	1	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	43
68	St. John's	19	19	15	4	9	..	..	..	..	2	86
69	Stirling	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	38
72	Alma	13	8	6	3	3	1	6	..	..	..	80

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1875.—Continued

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Pass-d.	Raised.	Joined.	Withdrawn.	Died	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	No. of Mem.
73 St. James.....	St. Mary's.....	5	4	3	2	6	1	..	..	..	..	69
74 St. James.....	Maitland.....	1	1	4	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	57
75 St. John's.....	Toronto.....	14	11	8	11	2	2	..	..	..	1	166
76 Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	3	3	2	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	63
77 Faithful Brethren	Lindsay.....	12	11	13	1	5	..	..	..	..	1	43
78 King Hi am.....	Tilsonburg.....	6	8	7	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	65
79 Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
80 Albion.....	Newbury.....	4	5	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	48
81 St. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	4	3	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	56
82 St. John's.....	Paris.....	1	1	1	2	5	1	..	..	..	..	53
83 Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	8	5	2	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	100
84 Clinton.....	Clinton.....	5	5	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	48
85† Rising Sun.....	Farmersville.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
86 Wilson.....	Toronto.....	16	12	5	3	19	2	..	..	..	..	126
87 Markham Union.	Markham.....	4	5	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	58
88 St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	4	3	3	3	9	1	1	..	..	..	59
89 King Hiram.....	Lindsay.....	2	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
90 Manito.....	Collingwood.....	8	8	8	4	3	..	7	..	..	..	79
91 Colborne.....	Colborne.....	5	4	6	1	2	2	10	..	..	1	59
92 Catarqui.....	Kingston.....	12	12	9	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	139
93 Northern Light..	Kincardine.....	13	15	22	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	90
94 St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	9	8	8	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	53
95 Ridout.....	Otterville.....	9	5	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	40
96 Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	14	13	13	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	175
97 Sharon.....	Sharon.....	13	13	10	1	7	..	4	1	..	1	54
98 True Blue.....	Albion.....	3	6	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	38
99 Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	6	3	8	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	56
100 Valley.....	Dundas.....	12	11	8	5	15	2	..	..	..	..	61
101 Corinthian.....	Peterboro'.....	5	6	4	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	55
103 Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	7	6	4	1	4	5	3	1	..	..	97
104 St. John's.....	Norwichville.....	6	6	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	41
105 St. Mark's.....	Drummondville.....	8	9	9	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	78
106 Burford.....	Burford.....	7	7	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	65
107 St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	2	6	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	59
108 Blenheim.....	Drumbo.....	5	5	4	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	17
109 Albion.....	Harrowsmith.....	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	48
110 Central.....	Prescott.....	8	8	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	105
111† Morpeth.....	Ridge-town.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
112 Maitland.....	Goderich.....	4	4	4	2	4	..	19	..	..	..	83
113 Wilson.....	Waterford.....	7	8	8	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	51
114 Hope.....	Port Hope.....	3	3	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	59
115 Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	8	8	8	3	2	1	3	..	..	1	45
116 Cassia.....	Widder.....	3	1	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	31
118 Union.....	Schomberg.....	6	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
119 Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	5	5	5	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	41
120 Warren.....	Fingal.....	9	9	9	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	55
121 Doric.....	Brantford.....	7	8	6	2	4	..	1	..	..	..	71
122 Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	6	6	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
123 The Belleville..	Belleville.....	4	4	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	91
125 Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	4	4	4	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	56
126 Golden Rule.....	Campbellsford.....	2	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	41
127 Franck.....	Frankford.....	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	59
128 Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	8	7	5	3	7	2	3	..	..	..	76
129 The Rising Sun..	Aurora.....	3	4	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	60
131 St. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	9	7	7	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	36
133 Lebanon Forest	Exeter.....	3	4	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	71
135 St. Clair.....	Milton.....	9	10	14	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	74
136 Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	15	14	12	2	2	3	6	..	..	2	28
137 Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	9	9	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	61
139 Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	8	6	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	71
140 Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	10	5	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	80
141 Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	33	24	21	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	75
142 Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	6	6	10	1	2	..	5	83
143 Friendly Brothers	Iroquois.....	16	15	13	..	2	..	4	63

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passed.	Raised.	J. ined.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp U. M. C.	Expelled.	Restored.	No. of Mem.
144 Tecumseh.....	Stratford	7	8	8	5	6	2	3			1	100
145 J. B. Hall	Millbrook	13	5	4							1	45
146 Prince of Wales..	Newburgh	7	8	9		6						51
147 Mississippi	Almonte	2	2	3	1		1					40
148 Civil Service.....	Ottawa	7	7	9	5	1	1	1				69
149 Erie	Port Dover	5	4	5		5		3				60
150 Hastings	Hastings	5	1	1		1						37
151 The Grand River	Berlin	2	2	3	2	4	1					68
153†Burns	Wyoming											57
154 Irving	Lucan	7	7	10	2		1				1	53
155 Peterborough	Peterborough	7	9	9	2	6	1				3	45
156 York	Eglinton	16	15	13		2	1					60
157 Simpson	Newboro'											45
158 Alexandra	Oil Springs	2	2			5		6			1	45
159 Goodwood	Richmond	1	1	4	1		t					20
161 Percy	Warkworth	3	3	3	1	2						45
162 Forest	Wroster			1								33
164 Star in the East..	Wellington	6	5	5		2						47
165 Burlington	Wellington Square.	6	7	5	4	3	1					48
166†Wentworth	Stoney Creek											30
168 Merrit	Welland	4		4		1		1				65
169 Macnab	Port Colborne	5		8								74
170 Britannia	Seaforth	9		9	5	3		2				64
171†Prince of Wales	Iona											52
172 Ayr	Ayr	6	6	6	1	3						48
174 Walsingham	Port Rowan	9	8	12		2	1				2	78
176 Spartan	Scota	6	5	4	1	4			1			50
177 The Builders	Ottawa	7	8	11	5	2	1					91
178 Plattsville	Plattsville	13	14	13		3	1					50
179 Howell	Howell	1	3	3								57
180 Speed	Guelph	11	11	11	6	6		2				106
181 Oriental	Port Burwell	2	2	3		4		4				53
183 Prince Albert	Port Perry	7	4	13	1		1					73
184 Old Light	Lucknow	6	4	4		1						47
185 Eoniskillen	York	3	3	2	3		1					42
186†Plantagenet	Plantagenet											26
189†Finn Viduæ	Adolphstown											18
190 Belmont	Belmont	2	24	20	1	8		3				56
192 Orillia	Orillia	5	2	1	3	4	1				2	67
193 Scotland	Scotland	3	3	1		1	1					41
194 Petrolia	Petrolia	2	1	1	2	2		6				50
195 The Tuscan	London	2	2	2	2	4						47
196 Mad-waska	Arnprior	10	9	7	5	3	1					55
197 Saugeen	Walkerton	4	4	4	1	12	1	2				46
198 White Oak	Oakville	5	4	3		1						68
200 St. Alban's	Mount Forest	3	5	3	1	2	1					56
201 Leeds	Gananoque	12	10	10								90
203 Irvine	Eora	3	4	4	1	6	1	2				89
205 New Dominion	New Hamburg	6	5	5		1						43
206†North Gower	North Gower											16
207 Lancaster	Lancaster	9	10	8	3	2						53
209a St. John's	London	6	7	7	1	10	1	6				72
209 Evergreen	Lanark	5	6	6		4						37
210 Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	1	1	2		3			1			33
212 Elysian	Garden Island	8	9	7		1		1				58
213 Dominion	Ridgeway	6	4	4		3		3				59
214 Craig	Ailsa Craig	6	6	9	2							44
215 Lake	Ameliasburg	6	3	3		1						26
216 Harris	Orangeville							3				62
217 Frederick	Dehi	2	1	1		1						39
218 Stevenson	Toronto	14	17	19		6	2	5				119
219 Credit	Georgetown	4	5	10	1	6		1				60
220 Zeredatha	Uxbridge	20	19	14	4	8						62
221 Mountain	Thorold	10	7	4	4		1					68

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined	Withdrawn.	Died.	Susp N.P.D.	Susp.U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	No. of Mem.
222 Marmora.....	Marmora.....	3	3	5	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	19
223 Norwood.....	No wood.....	4	3	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	23
224 Zurich.....	Zurich.....	4	4	6	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	25
225 Bernard.....	Listowel.....	15	13	12	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	33
228 Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	5	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
229 Lonic.....	Brampton.....	7	7	6	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	56
230 Kerr.....	Bell Ewart.....	4	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	28
231 Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	7	9	8	3	2	..	4	..	..	..	49
232 Cameron.....	Wallacetown.....	5	5	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	45
233 Doric.....	Park Hill.....	7	9	5	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	53
234 Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
235 Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	3	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
236 Manitoba.....	Bondhead.....	4	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	32
237 Vienna.....	Vienna.....	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	37
238 Havelock.....	Watord.....	3	3	2	2	5	1	..	..	..	..	40
239 Tweed.....	Tweed.....	3	9	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
240 Prince Rupert's.....	Winnipeg, M.....	4	4	5	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	85
241 Quinte.....	Shannonville.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
242 Macoy.....	Scott Front.....	4	5	6	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	47
243 S George.....	St. George.....	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	40
244 Lisgar.....	Mapleton.....	5	6	5	6	2	2	..	..	..	..	41
245 Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	10	9	6	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	45
247 Ashar.....	Yorkville.....	5	4	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	50
248 Eureka.....	Pakenham.....	10	11	9	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	40
249 Cal-donian.....	Augus.....	4	4	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	38
250 Thistle.....	Embro.....	8	8	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	37
252 The International.....	North Pembina, M.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
253 Minden.....	Kingston.....	8	7	6	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	72
254 Clifton.....	Clifton.....	8	7	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
255 Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	2	3	5	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	42
256 Farran's Point.....	Farran's Point.....	8	6	5	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	43
257 Gal.....	Galt.....	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	56
258 Guelph.....	Guelph.....	10	8	12	8	3	2	..	1	..	..	69
259 Springfield.....	Springfield.....	13	10	7	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	64
260 Washngton.....	Petrolia.....	5	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
261 Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	5	6	6	1	..	..	3	1	..	..	35
262 Harriston.....	Harriston.....	11	9	6	3	8	..	2	1	..	1	39
263 Forest.....	Forest.....	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
264 Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	7	9	11	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	60
265 Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	2	2	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	27
266 Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	..	..	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	29
267 Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	10	13	10	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	94
268 Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	2	3	6	1	4	1	3	..	..	1	43
269 Bro'ham Union.....	Brougham.....	5	5	7	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	44
270 Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	4	6	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	54
271 Wellington.....	Erin.....	3	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
272 Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	2	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	28
274 Kent.....	Blenheim.....	10	9	7	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	59
276 Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	7	7	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	28
277 Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	9	7	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
278 Mystic.....	Roslin.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
279 New Hope.....	Heseler.....	3	4	6	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	25
280 Mount Sinai.....	Napanee.....	3	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	42
281 Thorne.....	Hollan Landing.....	5	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
282 Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	4	2	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	43
283 Eureka.....	Belleville.....	3	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
284 St. John's.....	Brussels.....	13	12	10	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	36
285 Even Star.....	Alliston.....	7	5	5	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	22
286 Wingham.....	Wingham.....	6	6	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	32
287 Shuniah.....	Pr Arthur's L'ndg.....	9	6	3	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	52
288 An't Landmark.....	Winnipeg, M.....	7	9	9	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	41
289 Doric.....	Lobo.....	8	8	7	1	3	32
290 Leamington.....	Leamington.....	6	8	5	..	1	43
291 Duferin.....	West Flamboro.....	5	3	4	1

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	No. of Mem.	
292	Robertson.....	Nobleton.....	2	2	4	4	3	1				18	
293	The R Sol.Moth	Jerusalem, Pal....	7	9	9	5						32	
294	Moore.....	Mooretown.....	12	14	12	1	1					42	
295	Conestogo.....	Drayton.....	4	5	5	2	2					31	
296	Templ.....	St. Catharines....	9	4	3	1						45	
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	3	3	3	1						30	
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	7	7	3							16	
300	Mount Olivet...	Thorndale.....	10	14	10							34	
301	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	10	5	8		1	2				30	
302	St. David's ..	St. Thomas.....	25	27	30	9	5					85	
303	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	6	9	9	1	1					20	
304	Minerva.....	Victoria.....	12	11	8		1					28	
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	4	3								30	
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	12	10	12	2						33	
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	10	10	6	2	2					24	
308	Grafton.....	Grafton.....	13	6	6	1						24	
309	Morning Star..	Smith's Hill.....	9	6	4	1						28	
310	Enterprise.....	Beachburg.....	2	2	3							14	
311	Blackwood.....	Woodbridge.....	6	7	9		1					24	
312	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	8	9	8	2	1	1				34	
313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	12	13	12	7	2	1				25	
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	8	12	10	2	1					33	
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	5	5	4	2	3					15	
316	Doric.....	Toronto.....	15	12	11	6	1					50	
317	The Hiram.....	Dundas.....	8	9	6		1					23	
318	Wilnot.....	Baden.....	3	2	1	1						12	
319	Hiram.....	Cheapside.....	5	5	4	3						20	
320	Chesterville....	Chesterville....	10	7	7	2						26	
321	Walker.....	Acton West.....	7	7	7	5						21	
322	North Star.....	Owen Sound.....	1	1	1							14	
323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....										18	
324	Temple.....	Hamilton.....										44	
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	7	7	5	4						19	
326	Zetland.....	Toronto.....	7	2	1	2						54	
327	The Hammond..	Wardsville.....										8	
328	Ionic.....	Napier.....										11	
329	King Solomon..	Jarvis.....										11	
330	Corinthian.....	London East.....										16	
331	Fondwich.....	Fondwich.....										9	
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....										9	
	U.D.Prince Arthur	Fresherton.....										10	
			1796	1717	1656	444	581	162	267	16	1	55	15934

RECAPITULATION

OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24TH JUNE, 1875,
AS FAR AS HEARD FROM.

Lodges organized and affiliated	335
“ extinct	5
“ Ceded to Grand Lodge of Quebec	38
“ “ “ “ Manitoba	4
“ Resuscitated	1
“ Number on Roll	288
“ In arrear with Returns, 12 months and upwards	12
“ Represented in Grand Lodge	254
Initiations reported	1,796
Passings “	1,717
Raisings “	1,656
Joinings “	444
Restorations “	55
Resignations “	581
Deaths	162
Suspensions for non-payment of dues	267
“ unmasonic conduct	16
Expelled	1
Members in good standing	15,934

Receipts from Lodges for the Fiscal year ending 31st Dec., 1874, for fees, dues, &c	\$14,070 11
Masonic Asylum Fund, as reported 30th June, 1875	6,828 99
Assets of Grand Lodge, as per Grand Treasurers statement 30th June, 1875	52,816 84

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to present their third annual report. They have received and examined the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges. The plan of publishing this report in advance of the meeting of Grand Lodge, has been favorably received and will be continued.

TABLE OF GRAND LODGES.

NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE.	G. M.	G. Sec'y.	Ch. of F. C.
Alabama	54 Montgomery ..	7th Dec., 1874	Isaiah A. Wilson	Daniel Sayre...	Wm. T. Walthall
California	25 San Francisco ..	13th Oct., 1874	Geo. C. Perkins	Alex. G. Abell ..	Wm. A. Jannary
Colorado	14 Denver	29th Sep., 1874	W. D. Anthony ..	E. C. Parmelee ..	E. C. Parmelee
Connecticut	86 Hartford	13th May, 1874	W. Lee	J. K. Wheeler ..	J. K. Wheeler
Florida	45 Jacksonville ..	13th Jan., 1874	A. J. Russell ..	D. C. Dawkins ..	D. C. Dawkins
Idaho	7 Boise City	14th Dec., 1874	L. P. Minkellson ..	O. H. Purdy	None
Illinois	34 Chicago	7th Oct., 1874	G. E. Lounsbury ..	J. F. Burrill	Jos. Robbins
Indiana	57 Indianapolis ..	26th May, 1874	L. A. Foote	R. P. Jones	D. McDonald
Indian Terr.	Or Caddo	5th Oct., 1874	G. McPherson ..	T. J. Ercambrack ..	None
Iowa	31 Des Moines	2nd June, 1874	Jos. Chapman ..	T. S. Parvin	None
Kansas	19 Leavenworth ..	21st Oct., 1874	O. A. Bassett ..	J. H. Brown	J. H. Brown
Louisiana	63 New Orleans ..	8th Feb., 1875	J. G. Fleming ..	J. C. Batchelor ..	W. R. Whitaker
Maine	55 Portland	5th May, 1874	David Carzill ..	Ira Berry	J. H. Drummond
Massachusetts ..	41 Boston	9th Dec., 1874	P. L. Everett ..	C. H. Titus	None
Minnesota	21 St. Paul	13th Jan., 1874	Chas. Griswold ..	E. D. B. Porter ..	A. T. C. Pierson
Mississippi	56 Canton	3rd Feb., 1874	A. H. Barkley ..	J. L. Power	A. H. Barkley
Missouri	54 St. Louis	13th Oct., 1874	J. W. Lake	G. F. Gouley	G. F. Gouley
Montana	10 Bozeman	5th Oct., 1874	E. S. Stackpole ..	C. Hedges	C. Hedges
Nebraska	17 Omaha	24th June, 1874	Frank Welch ..	W. R. Bowen	J. N. Wisc
Nevada	10 Virginia	17th Nov., 1874	R. W. Bolten ..	S. W. Chubbuck ..	R. H. Taylor
New Brunswick ..	7 St. John	23rd Sep., 1874	J. V. Ellis	W. F. Bunting ..	None
New Hampshire ..	Concord	20th May, 1874	N. W. Cummer ..	J. A. Harris	John J. Bell
New Jersey	88 Trenton	20th Jan., 1875	W. A. Pembroke ..	J. H. Hoagie	M. B. Smitn
New York	87 New York	2nd June, 1874	E. E. Thorne ..	J. M. Austin	Jas. Gibson
North Carolina ..	88 Raleigh	7th Dec., 1874	G. W. Blount ..	D. W. Baine	None
Nova Scotia	9 Halifax	3rd June, 1874	J. W. Laurie	Benj. Curran	G. T. Smithers
Ohio	65 Columbus	20th Oct., 1874	A. H. Batin	J. D. Caldwell ..	J. D. Caldwell
Pennsylvania	87 Philadelphia	27th Dec., 1873	A. R. Potter	John Thomson ..	H. M. Dechert
Quebec	Montreal	23rd Sep., 1874	Jas. Dunbar ..	J. H. Isaacson ..	None
Rhode Island	84 Providence	18th May, 1874	N. Van Slyck ..	Edwin Baker	None
South Carolina ..	38 Charleston	8th Dec., 1874	J. A. Hoyt	C. Inglesby	C. Inglesby
Texas	38 Houston	3rd June, 1874	T. R. Bonner	G. H. Bringhurst ..	E. H. Cushing
Utah	3 Salt Lake City ..	10th Nov., 1874	C. W. Bennett ..	C. Diehl	C. Diehl
Vermont	Burlington	10th June, 1874	N. P. Bowman ..	Henry Clark	Henry Clerk
Virginia	Richmond	14th Dec., 1874	W. B. Tatlaterra ..	John Dove	B. R. Wellford
Washington	17 Olympia	2n Sep., 1874	J. R. Hayden ..	T. M. Reed	T. M. Reed
West Virginia ..	9 Wheeling	11th Nov., 1873	T. H. Logan ..	O. S. Long	O. S. Long
Wisconsin	30 Milwaukee	10th June, 1874	J. P. C. Cottrill ..	G. E. Hoskinson ..	G. E. Hoskinson
Wyoming	Or Laramie	15th Dec., 1874	E. P. Snow	J. K. Jeffrey	None

The proceedings not received in time to be noticed in the following pages are ten in number, namely: Arkansas, British Columbia, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Oregon and Tennessee.

The preceding table will give the information usually scattered through the report. The officers named are those elected at the meeting which is noticed.

The proceedings will be reviewed in the usual order.

ALABAMA.

The Grand Master (Isaiah A. Wilson,) refused several applications to confer the degrees out of time. He says:—

“I have refused several applications to confer the degrees out of time. “I do not believe there is scarcely a conceivable occasion when an emergency case should be entertained. The candidate should not only be well instructed in the ritual of Masonry, but should be taught the objects of the institution in its moral and speculative sense. Are we not recreant to the high trusts reposed in us as Masons, and do we not act unjustly towards a brother, whenever we send him forth into the world as a Mason, without that knowledge necessary for him to properly understand, and to enable him faithfully to perform his duties as such? Masonry has had much to encounter and condemn in the reproach brought upon her, not only from the unworthy, but from the ignorant Mason. It is, therefore, a wise rule, established in this jurisdiction, which requires the candidate to be *proficient*, before he is permitted to advance, and it should be rightly enforced.”

He gives a large number of decisions from which we quote the following:—

“Among the decisions made, I invite your attention to the following: “That a brother by dimitting, surrenders certain rights; among these, the privilege of referring any difficulty he may have with a brother Mason to the Lodge for adjustment. Charges must be preferred in open Lodge, at a regular Communication, by a brother in good standing. Non-affiliated Masons are not competent to prefer charges.

“When a brother has been suspended for a definite period, and his term of punishment terminated, he returns, *eo instanti*, to all the rights and privileges from which he was suspended,

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and is entitled to his demit, although an appeal, taken by him, to the Grand Lodge, may be pending; *provided* no new charges are preferred against him, and he has paid up all arrearages to his Lodge.

“A non-affiliated Mason is not entitled to a Masonic burial.

“That in this jurisdiction a Master Mason in good standing, and who is not in arrears to his Lodge, has a right, unconditionally, to demit, without assigning any reason or excuse for so demitting.

“That a petition for initiation, which has been referred to a committee, may, after the report of said committee has been received by the Lodge, be re-referred to another committee, and the ballot postponed, if the members desire further time to reflect, and make up their opinion, and the good of the Order requires further investigation into the qualifications, character, and standing of the petitioner. But no petition for initiation can be withdrawn, or otherwise disposed of, but by ballot, after it has been received by the Lodge.

That a Lodge cannot make any special assessment, Masonically binding upon its members, unless so authorized by its By-laws.

“A brother cannot be required to state his reason for his vote. This would destroy the secrecy of the ballot, or make it a mere farce. If a brother cast a black ball he is supposed to do it conscientiously, and with a full sense of its moral accountability. The Lodge has no control over the ballot of a member, nor is it at liberty to pry into the question for the purpose of ascertaining how a brother voted. Therefore, a By-law of a Lodge requiring its members to disclose the reasons for their votes, held a nullity and cannot be enforced.

“A brother Master Mason, who stands suspended for non-payment of dues at the time of his death, is not entitled to, and should not receive a Masonic burial.

“That Masons ought not to turn out as a body, and in Masonic procession, except on what are recognized as Masonic occasions; that the unveiling of a Memorial Monument, erected to the memory of the Confederate dead, is not a Masonic occasion, and has no connection with, or relation to the Order. The occasion must be devoted to the interest of Masonry.

“A seal is to authenticate documents from the Lodge, and no one has authority to affix it to any paper or document, unless it be a document from the Lodge, and issued by its authority. Hence, the Worshipful Master, answering a Communication addressed to him on Lodge matters, has no authority to affix the seal of the Lodge to his answer.

“Simply the persistent non-payment of dues does not constitute, in this jurisdiction, a Masonic offence of sufficient magnitude to authorize expulsion from the Lodge.

“Visitation is certainly a right, yet the visitor’s right must be subordinate to the rights of the members; and if the presence of the visitor would mar the peace and harmony of the members of the Lodge present, then it would not only be the right, but the duty of Worshipful Master to exclude the visitor.”

A proposal to institute a Grand Lecturer for the Committee on Work was postponed till the next meeting. The committee say:—

“That the experience of this Grand Lodge is averse to the propriety of this course. The plan of Grand Lecturers was very fully tried many years since, and because of the utter failure, by this method, of producing uniformity of work, or even of diffusing light among the several remote Lodges of the jurisdiction, the system of a Committee on Work, as now established, was devised and ingrafted upon the Constitution. By this latter system we have seen uniformity produced, and an intelligent understanding of the Ritual and Lectures substituted for ignorance of much of the Ritual of the several degrees. In view of this experience, your committee think it inadvisable to take hasty legislation thereon, and would recommend that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

“Your committee, however, recommend that the several Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge give the subject their most careful consideration, that they may be prepared to vote thereon intelligently at the next communication.”

Bro. Wm. T. Walthall, has an excellent report on correspondence in which, however, our proceedings do not appear, under “Louisiana” after giving the action already had he says:—

“If we might venture to express an opinion upon this delicate subject, it would be a mere suggestion that the sensitiveness of our Louisiana brethren, although very natural, may have led them to go just a little too far. It was absolutely necessary, in vindication of a great principle, that *they* should break off intercourse with the Grand Orient of France. It was very proper that the American Grand Bodies should do the same thing. It would have been very right, in our judgment, for Canada to do so. But if Canada, while avowedly condemning the action of the ‘Grand Orient,’ thinks proper to let her condemnation fall short of an entire suspension of friendly relations with that Body, we can hardly consider *that* a sufficient ground for sending Canada to Coventry. Masonic non-intercourse is sometimes the only redress for Masonic wrongs, but it may be carried too far, and was in some danger of being carried to a startling extreme by some of our brethren elsewhere, with regard to this very Canada-Quebec *imbroglio*, if that had not been happily settled.”

CALIFORNIA.

The address of the Grand Master, Isaae S. Titus, opens with a short historical sketch of the Grand Lodge since its formation, 25 years ago. He then gives a summarized page of statistics showing the resources of the state and its present condition, and closes with details of his official acts during the year.

Canada for 1873 appears in the report of Foreign Correspondence.

The following reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence were adopted:—

“Your committee have received the circular letter from the Grand Orient of Italy—asking this Grand Lodge to join with other Masonic powers in expressing its opinion of the intestine war now being waged between the government of Spain and the adherents of Don Carlos therein, and in devising some means to repress the barbarities practised by the contending parties—and report that, in their judgement, this Grand Lodge could effect no good by any protest or declaration it could make in the premises. We do not care to take part in the political struggles of our own or any other country. Such interference is not one of the objects of our organization, and it is therefore recommended that no action be taken upon the subject.

“Your committee have examined the circular letter relative to the proposed establishment of a Grand Lodge for the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, but find nothing therein which requires any action on the part of this Grand Lodge or any expression of opinion from your committee. The paper simply shows that certain Lodges of Masons in those provinces proposed to form a Grand Lodge but there is no evidence that such proposal was ever attempted to be carried into execution.”

COLORADO.

The Grand Master does not believe in doing Masonic work on Sunday. He says:

“On the 16th of March I received a letter from Weston Lodge, at Littleton, requesting me to lay the corner stone of Reformed Episcopal Church at that place, and designating Sunday, March 22nd, at three o'clock P. M., as the time. To this request I replied that it would be wholly inconsistent with our order to perform the work at the time specified. By resolution of our Grand Lodge of 1863 it is made ‘unlawful for the Lodges in this jurisdiction to hold communications on the Sabbath day, for any purpose whatever, except to attend the funeral of a brother.’ That if it was unlawful for subordinate Lodges to meet for *symbolical* work on the Sabbath, clearly it would be for our Grand Lodge to assemble for *operative* labor of this kind. Our *Great Light* teaches us ‘to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work.’ For these reasons I refused the request.”

We also copy from his address an interesting paragraph on the library fund:

“By referring to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1864, it will be found that one John G. Brandley, a soldier in arms for the support and maintenance of the laws of his country, died; and that as a last bequest he gave with his dying breath *his all* to the Masonic Fraternity of Colorado.

“For the purpose of again bringing this matter before you, I will read the report of a special committee to whom it was then referred, viz:

“WHEREAS, Bro. John G. Brandley of Company C, First Colorado Cavalry, was mortally wounded, during the last summer, in a fight with the Indians; and,

“WHEREAS, It was his dying wish, expressed to a comrade in arms, that the sum of \$105, which he then had with him, should be given to the Masons of this jurisdiction: and,

“WHEREAS, The deceased is not known to have any living relations or representatives, therefore,

“*Resolved*, That the said donation belongs properly to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, as a body, representing the entire fraternity of this jurisdiction.

“*Resolved*, That the expenditure of the said donation in the purchase of books of Masonic law and literature, to go into the library of the Grand Lodge, would be an appropriate use of said money, and must fully meet the dying wish of the gallant soldier and brother who gave it.

“*Resolved*, That the name, date, and manner of death of the deceased brother, and fact of this donation, be inscribed in the books so purchased, as a fitting testimonial of our regret for his death, and our respect for the memory of one who, in obedience to the first teachings of our order, ‘Fidelity to the government under which we live,’ has given his life to his country.

“*Resolved*, That in the death and last wish of this brother, we find additional reason for an attachment to an order, to the mystic ties and beautiful relations of which the dying soldier, unblessed by dearer ties of blood, turns his last thoughts and sends his last greetings.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM. H. ELBERT, }
 A. J. VAN DEREN, } *Committee.*
 O. B. BROWN, }

“Which report was, by the Grand Lodge, received and unanimously adopted. This donation by a brother Mason who, perhaps, not one of you now present at this grand communication, may have personally known, has been most of the time at interest; and as a nucleus for a library fund has been increased by contributions to the amount of \$1,032,65.

“Now that our Grand Lodge is permanently located, I would earnestly recommend that this sum be at once used for the purposes designated, and that a committee be appointed to see to its proper and judicious disbursement.”

The Grand Master further recommends the establishment of a Temple fund, to secure the Grand Lodge a fitting home in the future.

The report of the Library Committee was adopted, viz:—

“Your committee to consider the matter of a Grand Lodge Library, respectfully recommend:

“*First*—That a library committee consisting of the G. M., Deputy G. M., and G. S., be appointed to disburse the library fund in the purchase of a Masonic library, and to establish rules and regulations for its use.

“*Second*—The the Grand Secretary be *ex-officio* librarian, with power to appoint a deputy, and it will be his duty to carry out the rules and regulations of the library committee.

“*Third*—That the library be placed in the room adjacent to this hall, of which the use, for that purpose, was tendered by the Masonic bodies of Denver.

“*Fourth*—That the committee be authorized to procure suitable book cases, or shelving, without cost to the library fund, so that the entire amount may be expended for books.

“*Fifth*—The books in said library to be at all times subject to the use of the Lodges in this jurisdiction under such regulations as the committee may adopt.

WM. N. BYERS, *Chairman.*
F. E. ADDOMS.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was recognized.

Canada for 1873 appears in the report on correspondence. Regarding our Lodge in Jerusalem, Bro. Parmelee says:—

“We cannot approve of issuing a warrant to a Lodge *on wheels*. But a day or two since we received a circular from some of the promoters of this scheme giving glowing accounts of what they would do, when a grand excursion should reach that country—going to take the warrant and open a Lodge at every camping place, etc.; etc. We expressed our views to Brother Morris by letter very plainly. He writes us that ours is the first unfavorable criticism he had heard. If it is *we* hope it will not be the last.”

He condemns the action of their Denver Lodge with our Mississippi Lodge, viz:

“Presenting a bill of \$50 for a “Band ” we think decidedly cool.

“Leaving out that item it was well enough to notify Mississippi Lodge of the amount expended. If they saw fit to refund the amount—well; if not, it was not right or proper for Denver Lodge to complain to that Lodge or to either Grand Lodge.”

He is in error in stating that our Grand Secretary was elected by open vote. It was the Grand Tyler, as our constitution provides that the Tyler shall be elected by open vote, but the other officers by ballot.

He thinks we were right in our controversy with Quebec, that the recognition of Quebec by other Grand Lodges was premature, and that those who declared non-intercourse were without one sound reason upon which to base their arguments. Thank you, Bro. Parmelee, although your support comes in rather late in the day.

The report altogether is written in very good style, and is accompanied by a valuable digest of decisions which must have cost the compiler a large amount of labor.

CONNECTICUT.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, Luke A. Lockwood, is marked by great ability. On our settlement he says:—

“It is a source of infinite pleasure to be able to announce to you that the unfortunate differences so long existing between the Grand Lodge of Canada and Grand Lodge of Quebec have been happily terminated by the mutual forbearance and spirit of accommodation of the brethren.

“The Freemasons of Connecticut rejoice and sincerely congratulate their brethren of the North in the honorable and permanent settlement of their difficulties, the establishment of peace and harmony, the chief support and strength of our Institution.”

He reports 27 decisions from which we extract several as worthy of note:—

“The proper disposition of a petition of a candidate received and referred, when it is discovered that the Lodge has no jurisdiction by reason of prior jurisdiction of another

Lodge or non-residence, is a rescinding of the resolution accepting and referring the petition.

“That while a member has the right to cast a ballot against a candidate without stating his objections, yet if he avow them, and his motive is in violation of Masonic law, as for instance the religious belief of the candidate differing from his own, he can be tried and disciplined for a Masonic offense.

“The rule that every Mason is to be tried by his peers is not violated by one or more of the commissioners being Knights Templar. That degrees have been received by any the commissioners in addition to those received by the accused does not disqualify. ‘The greater includes the less.’

“A resolution passed by a Lodge, ‘That no brother shall be buried with Masonic honors who uses intoxicating liquors,’ would be highly improper and of no force. Every mason in good standing at the time of his decease is entitled to Masonic burial. Such a resolution, if of force, would require the trial of a deceased brother before he could be Masonically interred.

“Every Lodge is the conservator of Masonry within its own territory, and Lodges of instruction cannot be lawfully held therein without its approval.

“A Lodge has the right to lay a tax, assessment or dues upon its members. The necessity of funds for its support—self-preservation—is the ground upon which this right and power rest.

“That the object and aim, the principles, tenets, and practices of Freemasonry are moral and designed for the good of mankind, and there is no power to release a brother from his voluntary obligations. If a brother feels that his duty to God requires him to unite with the Romish Church, and the laws of that Church require that he shall renounce Masonry as the condition of such union, all that he can do or can be done is to dimit from his Lodge and forsake the company of Freemasons. Masonry does not assume to teach the way of salvation, and has always left and now does leave this to ‘Mother Church.’

“A dispensation to shorten the time for balloting and conferring the degrees will not be granted simply upon the ground that the candidate is about to undertake a journey.

Masonry is designed for the education and enlightenment of men, not for their convenience."

After giving some excellent suggestions as to the selection of officers for private Lodges he has the following able exposition of some of our symbols and the philosophy of Masonry:—

"The inner light of Masonry, its philosophy, has been most sadly neglected, and we know not even a fraction of the half concealed beauties and stores of wisdom preserved in our work and symbols. The Masonic system came from the hands of its author perfect, not susceptible of addition or diminution without a marring of its harmony and symmetry. Like the works of nature and all perfect productions, the deeper one penetrates into their innermost recesses and studies their hidden beauties imperceptible to the casual observer, the more he is surprised at the wisdom and skill displayed by the maker. The reverence of the brethren has preserved in a remarkable degree the first habiliments of Masonry, commonly known as the work. It is to be regretted that the mania for improvements has been occasionally and even to a slight extent permitted to experiment in an attempt to devise new clothing to ornament and beautify the old, or in some instances to cut off here a little and there a little of the old garb and substitute new cloth in its place. The reverence and scrupulous fidelity of the brethren are well evidenced in the preservation of the words and phrases now obsolete or nearly so. The Saxon 'hêle,' meaning hide, the word 'pommel,' meaning globe, and the word 'cowen,' the origin of which is in dispute, but generally supposed to have been derived from a Greek word signifying a dog, although by some from the Hebrew 'cohen,' a priest—an enemy of Masonry. The innovations or supposed improvements are illustrated by the reference of the blazing star to the star seen in the East, and the reference of the point within the circle and parallel lines to St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist. Both of these are, of course, anachronisms inconsistent with the very ground work of the Institution. The five pointed blazing star hieroglyphically represents Divine Providence, which by law presides over and governs not only the checkering of human life with good and evil, but also the manifold blessings and comforts which surround us, and which by faith in that law of perfect love and hope will continue.

"The second instance is one of the very oldest of symbols, and it is a great misfortune that the ruthless hands of igno-

rance should have obliterated its original significance in order to make it do homage to the pious longings of but a portion of the Masonic family.

“The circle is the astrological and afterward the astronomical symbol of the sun. As the sun was the source of physical light and became the object of worship, so its sign became the symbol of the source of intellectual and spiritual light, the only true and living God, the object of our labor in life, and our reward hereafter.

“The point was the focus of light and the especial symbol of Deity. As man was made in the image of God, in a lesser sense it also represents the individual brother. The parallels are the summer and winter solstices, the sun’s stopping places, which the sun in its apparent yearly journeys north and south, never passes nor goes beyond. They symbolize the lines of moral rectitude. The circle supports the Book to indicate its Divine origin and inspiration, and that it rests upon and is supported by Divinity itself.

“The period between the solstices embraces the implanting of the seed, youth; its ripening, manhood; and its garnering or gathering in, old age; and the whole symbol teaches us most impressively that while a brother, from his youth to old age, shall be as regular in his conduct as the sun is in its course, on neither hand transgressing the lines of moral rectitude, it is impossible that he should materially err. This was undoubtedly the original Masonic teaching of this important emblem, which we are instructed is to be found in every well regulated and well governed Lodge. Masons, however, professing Christianity, in view of the fact that the anniversaries of two of their patron Saints happen within a few days of the solstices, named the parallels St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, respectively: because they believed that St. John the Baptist, as the forerunner, and St. John the Evangelist, as the historian of Christ, by precept and example recorded in the Holy Book, supported by inspiration, therein laid down and clearly defined the true lines of moral and spiritual rectitude. These instances have been cited and enlarged upon, because they are seemingly the most glaring inconsistencies in Ancient Craft work, to show that all changes are not improvements, and to demonstrate how readily new patches may be detected in the old garment.

“Your Grand Master cannot forbear this opportunity of calling the attention of so many Masons to the rich field for

labor in developing the Philosophy of Masonry. The full import of our work, which is only the rudiments of the science, seldom strikes the mind. Every part and every detail has an important and moral signification. Nothing is arbitrary or used to help round a sentence, or to please the ear or the fancy. Patient investigation of the details will charm and reward the diligent laborer with new discoveries of the exceeding beauty and symmetry of Masonry. The present purpose is to consider briefly the subject of the numerals used in our work, and to show that in this particular, unimportant as it may seem, the unity of design and harmony of Masonry is subserved and preserved. The fact that the numerals in the Great Light of Masonry are symbolical, as has been to a considerable extent developed in a learned work entitled 'Palmoni,' by the late Dr. Mahan, of Baltimore, and that Freemasonry is undoubtedly of Jewish origin would naturally lead one to infer that the same or similar symbolisms would attach to the Masonic numerals. It will be impossible, from the nature of the subject, to make many practical applications of these symbols in writing. Sufficient only can be done to indicate the Key to them. Their application to the various numerals appearing in Masonry must be left to each person who may feel interested to make the investigation. This, however, may be relied upon, that each and every numeral is used with a distinct purpose, and not by chance, or by reason of accidental circumstances or historical incidents.

“The numbers 3, 4 and 5 are the principal numerals. Their relation is preserved in the XLVIIth Problem of Euclid, which is that *the square of the hypotenuse of a right angled triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.* Now if the base of the triangle is 4, and the perpendicular 3, then $4 \times 4 = 16$, $3 \times 3 = 9$, $9 + 16 = 25$, which is the square of the hypotenuse. 25 is the square of 5, the hypotenuse of the triangle named. From these numbers, by addition or subtraction, the whole nine numerical characters may be readily obtained. The symbolism of 4 is Matter, the elements earth, fire and water; of 3 is Deity in the full exercise of all His powers the Spirit; of 5 is the limitation or controlling of matter by the Spirit, Law, in that sublime conception 'whose seat is the bosom of God, her voice the harmony of the world. All things in heaven and earth do her homage—the very least as feeling her care, and the greatest as not exempted from her power, both angels and men, and creatures of what condition soever, though each in different sort and

manner, yet all with uniform consent admiring her as the Mother of their Peace and Joy.'

"The symbolism of 1 is Deity as the creative power or origin of all things, the mathematical point, the circle, the only figure of but one line yet made up of an infinity of single lines; of 2 is separation, discord, conflict, fittingly represented by two lines crossing each other, and which, when farthest extended, are widest apart. It will be noted that the multiples of the simple numbers intensify or increase the symbolism of the primary numbers. The symbolism of 6 is an intensification of that of 3, as is also the Masonic battery, 3 times 3 or 9. Seven is the symbol of rest, completion, perfection. It is composed of 4 and 3, matter and spirit, the elements and the creative power, the letters composing the ineffable name of Jehovah. Eight, seldom if ever used, is an intensification of the symbolism of matter. Ten is the multiple of 5 and intensifies its significance illustrated by the ten commandments or laws, 5 of which treat of the duties springing from the relation of man to his Author, and five, of the duties arising from our relations to each other. It is also the perfect or measuring number composed of unity and the circle, each of which is, as before stated, a symbol of Deity. Twelve is the multiple of 4, of matter into 3, of the spirit, and gives the organizing or comprehending number, *e. g.*, the 12 tribes of Israel, the 12 Apostles, and the 12 renowned repentants. Fifteen is the multiple of 3, of the spirit, into 5, of the law, and is the numerical equivalent of the Hebrew word Jehovah, and the number of steps composing the flight of winding stairs, by the aid of which we are enabled to perceive the shadow or symbol of that for which we are in search. Nowhere in the whole scope of Masonry is to be found the numeral 40, which is the multiple of the 4 of matter into the perfect number 10, or the intensity of matter ($4 \times 2 = 8$) into Law, and signifies purgation, cleansing, purifying, restoration. And nowhere in Masonry can be found any teaching which instructs us how we can purge ourselves from sin or cleanse ourselves from iniquity. This is but another exemplification of what we hear so often from our best teachers, that while Masonry teaches the existence, nature and attributes of the Deity and the sinful and fallen nature of man, it is not religion, does not pretend to be religion, and except by shadow, points out no method of redemption or of salvation.

"It sometimes happens, however, that the brazen pillars are spoken of as being thirty and five cubits in height, and

ornamented with a chapter of five cubits '*together making forty cubits in height.*' This is a common error. The description of the pillars and chapter is correct, but the addition is erroneous. According to the best commentators, each pillar was seventeen and a half cubits in height, with a cap of one-half a cubit, making eighteen. The seeming discrepancies in the Bible arise from the fact that in one account they are spoken of separately as each being eighteen cubits, while in the two other accounts they are spoken of together, and the height of the two are stated to be thirty-five cubits—twice seventeen and a half cubits. The actual height then of each pillar with its chapter was not forty, but eighteen and five—twenty-three cubits in height, being the three of Deity, multiplied by six, its intensification, and supporting and adorned by five, the Law."

One hundred thousand dollars is the sum fixed to be raised for a Masonic Home for indigent brethren, widows and orphans. A plan was submitted which lies over for final action until next year. No expenditures are to be made until the whole amount is realized, so as to make the Institution self-sustaining and not to require any further assistance from the Lodges. We wish the brethren of Connecticut every success in the prosecution of their most laudable object.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Master decided that a Master Mason has no inherent right to visit except by the unanimous consent of the Lodge. (See Idaho.)

On uniformity of work the following resolution was adopted:—

"Be it Resolved, That the D. D. G. Masters, under the supervision of the M. W. Grand Master, be directed to meet together at such time and place as they may, upon consultation, determine, during the present Masonic year; compare and determine upon such work as shall be most in accordance with the ancient usages; exemplify the same before the next Grand Lodge, and, if approved, it shall be made obligatory upon the Particular Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction."

The cause of education seems to have strong advocates among the Masons of Florida, and some of the Lodges are doing good work in this respect. We copy the report of the Committee on Education and would like to see this excellent example followed in this jurisdiction.

“Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report, to wit:

“We find that Hillsborough Lodge, No. 25, pays one session’s tuition for one Master Mason’s child.

“Alachua Lodge, No. 26, educates two Master Mason’s children.

“Lake City Lodge, No. 27, reports that the Peabody Institute extends the benefit of education to all white children free of charge.

“Escambia Lodge, No. 15, reports that there is a free school within its jurisdiction that extends free education to all white children, and that the Lodge had expended over four hundred dollars on the widows and orphans of Master Masons, during the past year.

“Callahan Lodge, No. 32, reports ten dollars paid for board and tuition for a Mason’s daughter.

“Friendship Lodge, No. 53, educates two orphan children of a brother Master Mason, and the free school system supplying for the education of the other Master Masons’ children, within their jurisdiction.

“The foregoing appears, from the different reports made, to be the sum total of all that has been done within this Grand Jurisdiction for the great and essential cause of education.

“We find also quite a number of reports, simply stating that they have not been called upon for assistance in education. While we confess that we are glad to learn that none asking have been denied, yet we must say that we do not conceive that every Lodge and Mason have done their whole duty, when they have only answered to the calls made on them; but that the elevation of our beloved fraternity is such that we should search out the wants and necessities of our worthy brothers and families; and here we are pleased to note and recommend to the particular Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction the works of Escambia Lodge, No. 15, as per this report, where we find that the free education of all Master Masons’ children is provided for, and over four hundred dollars expended for the relief of widows and orphans of Master Masons during the present year.

“And we further recommend to the particular Lodges

that they levy a special tax or fee upon each member, say twenty-five cents to fifty cents per year, to create a special educational fund, under the control of the respective Lodges."

A proposal to prohibit the granting of dimits except on a change of membership was laid over for a year. Better lay it over altogether, say we. We believe in the *freedom* of Masonry.

IDAHO.

One decision of the Grand Master is as follows:—

"*Question.*—Has a Master Mason in good standing a right to visit any Lodge of which he is not a member.

"*Answer.*—Except in the case of Grand Officers, whose official position entitles them to enter, no such rights exist. It is the duty of the Master to preserve harmony among the brethren composing his Lodge, but if he were obliged to admit a visitor, whose presence would to his certain knowledge, disturb that harmony and embarrass the work, then he would be deprived of one of the means of performing an essential duty, for peace and harmony are the support of our institution in a greater degree than any other."

This is similar to one in Florida, already quoted, and in both the reason is given that the harmony of the Lodge must be preserved. We agree fully with the reason, but dissent entirely from the decisions, or rather from the way of putting them, and as there seems to be a danger that the language of these decisions might be construed to do away with a landmark; we think the rule should be stated thus: A Master in good standing has an inherent right to visit any regular Lodge, but this right must not conflict with the right and duty of the Master to exclude a visitor for the preservation of the harmony of the Lodge.

Shoshone Lodge was allowed to withdraw her charter for the purpose of holding her stated meeting. The necessity for this allowance probably led to the passage of a resolution which says:

"*Resolved,*—That from and after this session, Subordinate Lodges will not be required to bring charters and records to the sessions of the Grand Lodge."

Mount Idaho Lodge is distant 400 miles from Boise city, where Grand Lodge was held.

ILLINOIS.

Grand Master James A. Hawley, thinks that too many new Lodges are being formed. He takes the correct ground on the vexed question of the "right of objection." We have been advocating this view for some time past against a number of reporters.

"The right of objection, as laid down in our By-laws, is a source of constant and vexatious trouble, and I presume to say that a majority of our Lodges, unaided by any explanation or decision, would be led into error, so contradictory does the law appear upon this subject.

"The right of absolute objection to a candidate after he has been favorably balloted upon, as set forth in section 49 of our By-laws, has been construed by my immediate predecessor, as well as myself, to apply to those only who are seeking initiation into our Lodges.

"When objections are made to the advancement of a *brother*, reasons for such objection must be assigned, subject to the approval of the W. M., or Lodge, as provided in section 45. The apparent conflict between section 45 and 49 upon this question should be definitely settled by this Grand Lodge, that the law as here defined may be clearly understood."

The committee on Lodges U. D., agree with the Grand Master as to there being too many Lodges, and in their report give a comparative table.

"In regard to the disproportion between membership and the number of Lodges. This is the more apparent from the following table :

"In New York there are 683 Lodges, average membership, 117; in Pennsylvania there are 501 Lodges, average membership, 70; in Massachusetts there are 201 Lodges, average membership, 120; in Rhode Island there are 25 Lodges, average membership, 145; in Connecticut there are 105 Lodges, average membership, 144; in Maine there are 156 Lodges, average membership, 105, in all New England, average membership, 109; in Illinois there are 676 Lodges, average membership, 55.

Your committee know of no better means of checking this too exuberant growth than to concur in the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, that General Regulation No. 1. be amended by striking out in second line the word five and inserting ten; striking out in third line the word forty and inserting sixty, and in last line three thousand and inserting five thousand."

It was decided to publish a compilation of the decisions of the Grand Masters, and also to re-publish the earlier proceedings.

Five hundred dollars were voted to the family of Bro. Harman G. Reynolds, Past Grand Master.

1874.

The Grand Master decided that a brother is restored to membership in a Lodge when the decision suspending or expelling him is reserved, or set aside by the Grand Lodge. Among his remarks on the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Custom House, and Post Office in Chicago, we find the following:

"This invitation was accepted in the same courteous spirit in which it was given, and I desire to bear testimony to the fact that the Masonic fraternity, throughout the entire affair, were treated with the utmost consideration and respect by the representatives of the National Government, and that they did not, at any time or in any manner, interfere with or seek to make any change in the ceremonies of the occasion as prepared by M. W. Bro. Cregier, who represented the Grand Master in arranging the same. Neither was this programme thus prepared changed in any particular, except so far as to invite that distinguished gentleman and jurist, Hon. Henry W. Blodgett, Judge of the United States Court, to represent the National Government, and take such part in the ceremonies as the Grand Master assigned, and originally intended should have been performed by the President of the United States. This somewhat lengthy statement is not intended as a reply to those fanatical busy-bodies who have sought to make themselves conspicuous, but to correct any misapprehensions the Masons of this and other grand jurisdictions have touching the same, and to show you that the dignity and honor of our noble Institution, represented in the State of Illinois, are as unsullied as when the invita-

tion, politely and considerately tendered by the United States authorities, was accepted by your Grand Master."

He also announces the restoration of Masonic intercourse and good feeling with the Grand Lodge of Canada.

It was resolved to establish a Masonic Widow and Orphans' Home.

Also to have the Grand Secretary's office permanently in Chicago, with a proper fire-proof vault for the records.

Bro. Joseph Robbins, has a very elaborate report on correspondence, in which Canada for 1873, receives due notice.

INDIANA.

Grand Master Christian Fetta, has remarks on the increase of Lodges, their work and non-affiliation. He decided that subordinate Lodges have not the power to grant new trials.

The system of District Deputies is reported to work well, giving the Grand Lodge more knowledge of the work and standing of the Lodges than it has ever before possessed.

Very full reports are given by the Committee on By-laws, on Lodges U. D., and on grievances and appeals, showing a large amount of work carefully done.

A radical change of the Constitution was proposed and referred to the Lodges to vote upon. It is to the effect that that the representation in Grand Lodge shall be by Districts, and in the proportion of one representative to every five hundred members. Grand Lodge is found to be too large and unwieldy, but we think the plan proposed would practically make it an oligarchy which is entirely contrary to the spirit of our Institution.

Canada for 1873 is noticed.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

A convention of subordinate Lodges was held at Caddo, Choctaw Nation, I. T., on October 5th, 1874, for the purpose

of organizing a Grand Lodge, at which three Lodges were represented.

A Constitution and By-laws were adopted, and Grand Officers elected.

The boundaries of the jurisdiction were defined to be: on the east by Arkansas and Missouri, on the north by Kansas, on the west by the 98th Meridian, and on the south by Texas. Why this was done we are not told. These boundaries are not coincident with those of the Territory, and the reasons for making the jurisdiction less than the Territory should have been stated.

Several appointments were made of Grand Representatives.

The proceedings do not show whether or not all the Lodges in the Territory joined in the organization.

Granville McPherson is Grand Master, and Rufus A. Jones Grand Secretary, both residing at Caddo.

IOWA.

Grand Master Chapman, has evidently a mind of his own, and one of the liberal progressive order at that. He reversed quite a number of previous decisions of Grand Masters, and Grand Lodge. It is quite refreshing in these days of "precedents" to come across such a wholesale retribution as we find in the following extract:—

"With this object in view, it has been my fortune or misfortune, which, I am not prepared to say, to reverse the decisions of several of my predecessors, and also to ignore a resolution of this Grand Lodge, in order to protect the individual Mason in his individual personal Masonic rights. It is a consummation devoutly to be wished, that not only our own, but other Grand Lodges in this country, would learn that a Mason, be he an entered apprentice, fellow craft, or Master Mason, has rights, of which he cannot be deprived at their behest, without a fair hearing and the judgement of his brethren, and the sooner we recognize this fact, the sooner will we free ourselves from unfair and therefore un-masonic legislation.

"I might cite many cases which have made us to worry and

fret over vexed questions of law *vs.* decisions and practice in this jurisdiction, but will desist, satisfied that you have sufficient to arouse you to thought, and I trust to action, in this matter, for rest assured that "to law making there is no end," that we are being walled about on all sides with modern jurisprudence, which, like a besom of destruction, is sweeping over the body Masonic, and will most assuredly work the quietus of the order, unless a short stop, a stonewall of noble hearts and determined wills are raised against those who are interposing their opinions and adjusting this and that to suit their fancy, adding here a little and there a little, until one can scarcely determine, without consulting the statute, his Masonic standing or his rights in the order. Let us have more of Masonry, and less of fuss and feathers about Masonic jurisprudence.

"Two things are greatly needed in the Masonic world. First, we want to curtail the law. A little law is a good thing, because it is essential to a wise administration of justice. Second, we want to curtail the Masonic lawyers, because Masonry is a law unto herself, therefore has little or no need of them. Solon compared the people to the sea, and the orators and counsellors of the winds, for that the sea would be calm and quiet, if the winds did not disturb it. Herein is the gist of the whole matter. We may not have a surplus of orators, but of counsellors there is no need, and as a natural consequence we have a superabundance of law, and turn which way we will we are confronted with Masonic jurisprudence until we are free to confess "it becomes a mischief, and determines in a curse to the institution." We have suffered the usages of the order to be manipulated by cunning fingers, until our prerogative to enjoy Masonry in these latter days is predicated solely upon cash, thereby crushing out, and worst of all, crowding out, first, the nobler qualities of the heart, second, the brother who has not the wherewithal to pay his dues. As a Grand Lodge we can boast, if boast we may, that we have reduced the collection of dues to a science. Six months is the limit. At the end of that time, if the brother does not pay, he can be suspended, and failing to pay within the year, so heinous is the crime in the eyes of the law, that it will be necessary to subject him to the ordeal of not only a secret, but to a unanimous ballot of the Lodge. It is a mooted question, and one which at present is commanding the attention of some of the best minds we have in the Order, as to the authority of a Lodge to suspend a member from the rights and privileges of Free-

masonry, and thus place a brother completely out of the pale of the Order, that a Lodge may suspend its members for non-payment of dues, and debar them from Lodge associations and Lodge privileges. So far as that individual or particular Lodge is concerned, I do not question their right, but that they can by their act cut him off from Masonic recognition and separate him as unworthy, and make him as though he had never been a Mason, I doubt. Dues are of modern invention, and I insist that Masonry ought not to be so harsh, that she should deal as leniently with her own as she professes to deal with those of the race who have no claim upon her. And if it be not an idle fancy that the corner-stone of Freemasonry is 'charity or law, around which centers all the other graces, and all that is good and kind and charitable it encourages, and all that is vicious and cruel and oppressive it reprobates.' would it not be advisable to commence at home and deal justly by our own, dispensing good gifts, and thus fulfil the law?

DECISIONS.

"In my decisions, which have been submitted to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, I have reversed the decisions heretofore made, viz., in 1866, 1867, and 1869, upon the question of Lodge jurisdiction over rejected candidates, and have decided the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1861, having reference to the same question, to be null and void. Also the decisions of 1866, 1867, and 1869, wherein Lodges were authorized to levy a tax upon the members. Also the decision authorizing Lodges to drop from the roll entered apprentices, after having remained such for three years. These are matters to which you are expected to give your attention during the present session. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence will submit these decisions, together with their report, for your action."

We also extract as follows from the opinions of the chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, Bro. Parvin:—

"Lodge dues, or monthly or annual payments by Lodge members, was not known to the ancient Masons. No allusion can be found in the ancient constitutions, from that of the earliest date (in the early part of fifteenth century) to and including the better known editions of Anderson in 1723. See 'Hughan's Old Charges of British Freemasons.' It was not known to the earlier Lodges constituted in America, out of which has grown what is called the 'American system of Grand Lodges and of Masonry.' It is wholly the growth of

recent times, and all its legislation is modern. It is one of the inherent rights and privileges of Lodges 'to make new brethren,' and to 'admit a member into the Lodge.' This ancient and immemorial right is further secured by the constitutions (see Anderson, IV., V., General Regulations), and cannot be removed or withheld by any Grand Lodge legislation. 'Certain qualifications of candidates,' and certain 'modes of admission of members,' are prescribed in the 'Landmarks' (see Mackey, 18, Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, and Anderson, V.), and these are not subject to change by every passing breeze that may blow over the Grand Lodge, but like 'the laws of the Medes and Persians, change not.'

"A profane may now, in some jurisdictions, and originally in others, be made a Mason without being made thereby a member of the Lodge making him a 'new brother.' So there always has been, is now, and always will be, unless the landmarks are removed, a distinction and difference between 'Lodge privileges,' and 'Masonic privileges and rights.'

"A man, upon becoming a Mason or member of the Order, assumes all the responsibilities and obligations of the 'craft in general,' and only these, of which the payment of dues is not one, because Masonry is universal, and there are hundreds of Lodges that require no dues, and thousands of Masons that pay none; and able brothers in this and other jurisdictions now advocate the necessity or policy of returning to the original ways of our fathers, or our first love."

Bro. Parvin is a model Grand Secretary. He gives elaborate reports on all important subjects got up in first-class styles, and which show great zeal and industry and a thorough acquaintance with the theory and practice of our institution.

By the adoption of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grand Lodge sustained nearly all of the decisions of the Grand Master. We copy one part of the report:—

"In 1865, the then Grand Master was asked this question; 'What will you do with Entered Apprentices who have been such from three to eight years?'

"*Decision.* 'If the delay arises from their own fault, strike their name from the roll after at least three years,'

"An E. A. whose name had been struck off desires now to

advance, and Grand Master Chapman gave the Lodge permission to advance him.

“Your committee know no law in Masonry or of this Grand Lodge, authorizing any such summary disposal of a brother's rights. An E. A. has, in our judgement, rights which a Grand Master is bound to respect. It is for the brother himself and not the Grand Master to determine *when* he will advance. Our laws are imperative and unchangeable upon this point that initiation and advancement in every degree in Masonry must be of the ‘free will and accord’ of the candidate, and no compulsory advancement can be allowed. Suppose for illustration, that the committee sent by the Master to ascertain whether the brother making the request for advancement did it of his own free will and accord, and should return with this answer. ‘He says, No! that he has been compelled by the Grand Master's decision to apply *now*, because if he does not three years will lapse before your next meeting, etc., etc.’

“Masonry is *voluntary* throughout. The ancient law leaves the matter wholly with the candidate, and the Grand Lodge of Iowa has ever declared that a brother may proceed, or dimit at pleasure. No compulsion of entrance, advancement or stay, is allowed.

“Again, the laws of Masonry, ancient and modern, make *the* Lodge the sole judge of the qualifications of the candidate, under the requirements of the landmark. No Grand Master, no Grand Lodge, can receive a member or order his dismissal in any other way than the methods universally observed, and from the beginning. That decision (1865) is in direct conflict with the law and reason of Masonry, and we are glad the Grand Master did not follow but overruled it.

“*Decision.* We think the ruling too severe upon the brother. He should have received his dimit without the payment of dues. The Lodge, under the circumstances of the case, had no moral or legal claim upon him for dues. There was no law in force at *that* time requiring a brother to be raised to sign the by-laws, and the Lodge having disowned him, had no right to his money.”

The jurisdiction limit of Lodges is to be determined by an “air line,” not by the nearest travelled route.

KANSAS.

In his annual address Grand Master Owen A. Bassett, expressed his opinion that their work (the Webb-Preston system) "stands to-day unrivaled and without a peer." We are very glad to hear it! and hope its dignity will not suffer from its exalted position.

He believes that the payment of Lodge dues should be entirely voluntary, and that the failure to pay should not bring with it any punishment, and that "as the true principles of Masonry are taught your treasuries will be filled."

He also thinks that a Lodge should be able to grant a new trial.

His modesty bespeaks his merit, for we find his rulings in an appendix to the address, not given as "decisions," but under the head of "opinions," from which we take the following:—

"A Mason's Lodge may be held in any secure place used by any other society which has for its object man's improvement and moral elevation.

"A ballot on an application for the degrees, or for membership, or for advancement, when participated in by one who is not a member of the Lodge, must be held regular and treated as any other ballot.

"Where one Lodge bestows charity on a member of another Lodge, or pays the funeral expenses of such a member, no claim for reimbursement for such expenditure exists in favor of the Lodge making them, against the Lodge of which the destitute or deceased brother was a member."

The work is disseminated by a number of Assistant Lecturers, under a board of custodians of the work, and this system seems to meet with hearty approval.

We also find the following:—

"OBITUARY.

"Bro. E. T. Carr presented the following communication, announcing the death of R. W. Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge

of Canada, which was read and ordered spread on the minutes, and a special page assigned for that purpose :

"To the M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Kansas :

"As the Representative of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada near your M. W. Grand Lodge, it becomes my painful duty to inform you that the Representative of your Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Canada, our R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, *is dead*. Our distinguished and esteemed brother departed this life on the 18th of August last, after a short illness, apparently at peace with his Maker and the world.

"Of his many sterling qualities, all who knew him bear ample testimony, and we have those among us who knew him intimately and were regarded as members of his family.

"It was our lot to have been in correspondence with him for the last sixteen years, and during all that time our relations have been of the most fraternal nature. He was ever kind and courteous, prompt in his business transactions, firm and resolute in carrying out any undertaking ; and especially was he zealous and earnest in guarding and defending the rights of his Grand Lodge.

"At the time of his death, the R. W. Brother was the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which honorable position he had held from its organization, a period of nineteen years. He had also been Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Canada from its organization, as well as the Grand Chancellor (Recorder) of their Grand Commandery ; and was also honored with the title of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of England and Wales for Canada ; in all of which positions he acted with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. 'May he rest in peace.'

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Kansas ! The office of Grand Representative of your Grand Lodge near the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada is now vacant.

Fraternally,

E. T. CARR,

Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada."

Grand Lodge did not concur with several of the "opinions" of the Grand Master. It was decided that a Lodge should not grant a new trial ; that the degree of Past Master should be let alone ; and that an appeal does lie from the action of a Lodge in acquitting an accused brother.

Affiliation fees were abolished.

Canada for 1873 appears in the correspondence report by the Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

A special Communication was held on September 20th, 1874, to attend the funeral of Past Grand Master, William M. Perkins.

And another on January 10th, 1875, to attend the funeral of Grand Treasurer, William S. Pike.

In his annual address, Grand Master M. E. Girard thus alludes to their misfortunes and relief:—

“In laying before you the record of the past, it is again my duty to report a great public calamity—causing much loss of property and great suffering. A large and fair portion of our State, already so much impoverished by reverses and afflictions, has been inundated, the crops submerged and destroyed, the people threatened with famine. Large donations of money and provisions were at once forwarded to our people from every portion of the United States, and with the generous assistance of the Federal Government, thousands who had lost everthing were rescued from death. In this terrible emergency, the Masonic fraternity was not laggard in the good work, and through the relief so quickly and so bounteously extended from our sister Grand Lodges, our brothers and their families were enabled to avert the awful doom of starvation staring them in the face. Thanks be to Great Giver of all good gifts and graces, ‘twas through the exertions and benevolence of brothers that this relief was obtained. Oh! how truly and gratefully we remember it, and thank them again for their generosity.”

In recording the funeral of Grand Treasurer Pike, he says:

“He was buried on the 10th of January, by the M. W. Grand Lodge, with the assistance of the M. E. Grand Chapter R. A. M. and the R. E. Grand Commandery K. T. of La, after the usual religious forms and ceremonies according to the faith and rites of the Catholic Church had been performed by the Rev. Father Hebert of the church of the Immaculate Conception.”

We had supposed that the fulminations of His Holiness the Pope against our fraternity would have prevented what appears to have been done in this case without question.

Under “Foreign Relations” we find the following with regard to Canada:—

“I wish I could say that our misunderstanding with the Grand Lodge of Canada had been satisfactorily adjusted. I had hoped to be able to make such an announcement, as I

officially informed you of the fraternal settlement of their troubles with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. However, I can say that I believe that the day is not far distant, when that result will be consummated. Our brothers of Canada are in full sympathy with us in our struggle against the aggressions of the Grand Orient of France, in which they cannot and will not countenance that Grand Orient. I feel satisfied that soon, if our perhaps too hasty edict, withdrawing our Grand Representative from the Grand East of Canada were repealed, and the Grand Master empowered to renew the representation whenever he should judge proper and just to do so, we would present to the Grand Invader of Masonic Territory, the solid and unbroken front of all the Grand Lodges of North America."

M. W. Bro. Girard, also gives the following short historical sketch of the present general rule of the succession of the Senior Warden, to the claim of Worshipful Master, in case of a vacancy. He thinks it is not the law.

"I must add that in my judgment, it is a very serious error to pretend that there should be no election for W. M., because the S. W. necessarily succeeds to the chair until the next stated time of election. That is not the law, the Ancient Charges contain no such principal enunciated or even implied, and it has never been of any other or higher legitimate authority than a mere general regulation of the Grand Lodge of England, liable like any other By-law, to be repealed or amended and, as has been declared by this Grand Lodge in 1873, having never had authority of law in Louisiana.

"This error has grown out of the wrongful act of some of the American Grand Lodges who received their Masonry from England, and accepted as true the law that was given them, and which was the spurious Constitutions of that illegal and rebellious Grand Lodge in England, self styled "ancients" composed of Masons, Dermott, among them, who had revolted against the legitimate Grand Lodge of England, whose true Constitutions and Charges have been compiled by Anderson, and which Dermott altered to suit his purposes, and those of his Grand Lodge. Twas this Grand Lodge issued most, if not all, the charters issued to Masons in the colonies, and with the charters gave them their law. I would specially call your attention to that part relating to Wardens; the law from the Ancient Charges I have already given you.

This is all of it on that subject. Dermott wrote it for his Grand Lodge adherents, English or American, thus: "The S. W. succeeds to all the duties of the Master, and fills the chair when he is absent. If the Master goes abroad on business, RESIGNS or is deposed, the S. W. shall fill his place until the next stated time of election." Dermott well knew that the true law or Ancient Charges did not and could not bear any such interpretation, for he knew too, that it was incorporated in a general regulation or By-law of the Grand Lodge of England, and was not a constitutional provision, much less a landmark, from which alone an inherent or vested right could be claimed, and he had to add in what he called *old Constitutions*, and this whole sentence made them very clear in that sense. This idea, therefore, you must see, originates as a pretended inherent or constitutional right from the spurious law of the Dermott ancients. A simple statement of the two texts is sufficient to show whence originated the error of some of our brothers on this subject, and mark the false and wicked origin of the pretended inherent rights of S. W's to fill the place of the Master, until the next stated time of election, if he should go abroad on business, resign or be deposed. Indeed this stated time of election was not even mentioned in 1720, as it was then the Master's prerogative and duty to appoint the time and place of their usual forming; Specified times of meeting did not exist till after Lodges had to have charters and By-laws, and was not known or thought of when the Ancient Charges first were law.

"The Constitutions of Dermott, even fix the hours of the meetings. Is this too a landmark.

"The whole of this spurious law of an illegal Grand Lodge, was the law of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and others, and was published as such by authority, as far back as 1798, in Massachusetts. 'Tis from these sources, that the false light has come to us.

"Now we have in Louisiana no general regulation or By-law on this subject; the general regulations of the Grand Lodge of England have no authority here, and as I neither would nor could be governed by the Dermott interpolations, I followed the only law in force in Louisiana, the Ancient Charges, and my understanding of them as herein expressed, and accepted the resignation of W. M. of Louisiana Relief Lodge, and ordered an election for W. M.

"This is a proper subject for your action, and it were well

that you adopt some By-law for the future, and determine whether the old usage as expressed in the regulation of 1720, that of 1813, or the Dermott law shall have force in Louisiana. You may make an entire different regulation from these and require that an election be held to fill any vacancy, even W. M., whenever the Grand Master in his judgement, may think it best for the Craft, or a particular Lodge, that an election be had. I confess my preference for this last."

He recommends that the surplus of the Relief Fund should be handed over to Louisiana Relief Lodge, to assist in their noble work of relieving distress. This Lodge performs much the same work as the Board of Relief in our cities, giving preference to brothers in distress from other jurisdictions, so that by this means the surplus would be indirectly returned to the jurisdictions from which it came.

Bro. Whitaker, from the Correspondence Committee, submitted the following resolutions with regard to Canada, which were adopted:—

"*Resolved*,—That that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana hails with sincere pleasure and fraternal feeling the prospect of a full renewal of all amicable and fraternal relations with M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada.

"*Resolved*,—That the edict of this Grand Lodge, withdrawing our Representative from the Grand Lodge of Canada, be repealed.

"*Resolved*,—That the M. W. the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Representative of this Grand Lodge of Canada, as soon as he has due assurance that such action will be preceded or followed by the cessation of Masonic relations with the Grand Orient of France, until that Grand Orient shall assume a position in conformity to the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge territorial jurisdiction."

Our proceedings for 1874, receive an extended and fraternal review from Bro. Whitaker, in his report on Foreign Correspondence.

MAINE.

The Grand Treasurers' reports are usually supposed to be dull reading. This one however is an exception:—

"In the early part of last year I was informed that a tract

of land, including several acres, in the town of Cape Elizabeth, was bequeathed to the Grand Lodge of Maine, by our deceased Brother Jonathan Morgan. Like those now in pursuit of immense fortunes in Old England, left by deceased ancestors, I resolved myself into a committee, organized for the transaction of business, held various meetings, raised the necessary funds and proceeded to investigate the matter.

“For nearly one year, I have, to the best of my ability, pursued the investigation of this matter, and the summing up the information obtained may be stated thus: Jonathan Morgan, Esq., of Portland, did by his will bequeath to the Grand Lodge a certain tract or parcel of land, situate in Cape Elizabeth or Scarborough,—that Lewis Peirce, Esq., of Portland, is Executor of the will—that the land is mortgaged, probably for more than its value in the market at the present time—that the principal lumber now growing upon it, is hard-back, cranberry vine, scrub spruce, whortleberry bush and alder—that a large share of the territory is known as marsh, meadow, swamp, bog and barren heath—that it is peopled abundantly, in some parts, by mud-turtles, frogs, mosquitoes and black flies, with a “sprinkling” of various species of snakes and other reptiles,—and that its exact location is unknown to the Executor, or to this deponent.

“I had several interviews with the Executor of the will, and had hoped before this Annual Session, to have obtained further information from him, but he is now absent in Europe. I shall still pursue this subject with zeal and ardor, and shall be most happy to receive instruction from this Grand Body, to guide my future course. Candor, however, compels me to say, that, in my opinion, the hope of ever realizing a large sum from this legacy, rests upon very nearly as “baseless a fabric” as that of the “Chases,” “Browns” and others who are hoping to obtain vast inheritances from their European ancestors.”

It was resolved,

“That no restoration of an expelled Mason shall take effect until it is confirmed by the Grand Lodge; and in all such cases a copy of the charges and findings of the Lodge shall be filed in the Grand Lodge before action thereon.

“That no Mason expelled for fraudulently obtaining the degrees after having been rejected, shall be restored without the unanimous consent of the rejecting Lodge or Lodges.”

In the correspondence report of Bro. Drummond, he thus speaks of our Royal Jerusalem Lodge :—

“We sincerely trust that this proceeding will be “left alone in its glory,” and never be repeated. Grand Master Wilson was either grossly imposed upon, or he must have known that not enough of the petitioners to form a Lodge, under the regulations of his own Grand Lodge, could possibly participate in forming the Lodge, and we fear that some of the names contained in the dispensation were used without authority. We cannot believe that many of the distinguished brethren, whose names are included in the warrant, lent them to this scheme. The granting of a warrant to form a Lodge in a foreign country by *temporary* residents is, in our judgement, entirely wrong. But when it is known that most of the parties named in the warrant have no expectation or intention of being within five thousand miles of the place where the Lodge is to be formed, the wrong is so apparent that we do not see how any intelligent Mason could knowingly become a party to it. It is well known that the zeal of the prime mover in this affair often surpasses his discretion (and many think that this is not according to him *much* zeal); but we *are* surprised to find the other names hung on as the tail to his kite.

“Taking into consideration the scheme Bro. Morris has been engaged in for the few past years, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that his main object in forming this Lodge was to *promote a speculation*. We may be entirely wrong in our views, but in our judgement, this matter tends to degrade Masonry, and to subject it to the contempt of all sensible men.”

MASSACHUSETTS.

At the quarterly meeting meeting on June 10th, 1874, the sum of \$1,000 was voted for the relief of suffering brethren in Louisiana.

A committee was appointed to consider and report on the best means of preserving the ritual from alterations.

The Annual Communication was held on December 9th, 1874. In his address Grand Master Nickerson, strongly recommends the re-printing of their proceedings. As this is the oldest Grand Lodge on this continent, their early records

would be extremely useful and interesting, and would doubtless be eagerly sought after.

The charity report shows, \$1,626.35, given in 215 donations to 131 persons, being destitute brethren, widows or orphans, making an average of \$12.41 to each person.

The Ritual Committee made a partial report in March, 1875, and exhibited the work and lectures of the first degree which were adopted by Grand Lodge, and further time allowed for the other degrees.

The new Grand Lodge of Wyoming Territory was recognized.

MINNESOTA.

The Grand Master recommends a partial return to the old District Deputy system, in order to secure proper official visitation. He refused all special dispensations saying:—

“Frequent applications have been made for dispensations to confer the degrees upon the physically maimed, and upon those who had not resided within our jurisdiction the required length of time; and, also, to confer all the degrees at one communication. All such applications have been *uniformly refused*,—the first class, because I did not feel at liberty to violate an ancient landmark; the second, because I did not wish to establish the precedent of laying hands suddenly on any man; and the third, for the reason that when men live for years in the vicinity of a Lodge, and do not feel a sufficient interest in, or love for, Masonry to apply for the degrees, and only become alive to its beauty and advantages at the last moment, just as they are upon the eve of taking some journey, or emigrating to some other State, they can hardly be said to be *uninfluenced* by mercenary motives, and, as a class, they are not such material as we wish to work into our Mystic Temple.”

He also recommends the abolition of fees for affiliation, and that Lodge meetings should be made more attractive and interesting.

It was decided that a Lodge has not power to resolve itself into a convention to nominate officers, or for any other purpose.

District Deputies were ordered to be appointed, and affiliation fees were abolished.

The following was adopted:—

“*Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge directs that the W. M. of each Lodge in this jurisdiction, immediately after the reception of the printed proceedings, do cause to be read such part of them in his Lodge as time will permit, and to continue the reading at each subsequent meeting until the whole shall have been read.”

MISSISSIPPI.

The following decision from the address of Grand Master Bowen, discovers a defect in their law which should be remedied at once. Every Worshipful Master on his installation should receive the secrets peculiar to the chair. We know of no other jurisdiction where this is not the practice.

“That a Master Mason elected to the office of Master of his Lodge, need not, *under the law in this jurisdiction*, be required to take the Past Master’s degree. I would ask the Grand Lodge to take this subject under consideration, and take such definite action that *all* may clearly understand the law and be guided thereby. Many enquires are being constantly made, on this particular subject, and the legitimate construction of the law does not coincide with the practice of requiring all Masters elect to take this degree. If I should venture an opinion, I would say that the degree of Past Master is legitimately a part of Ancient Craft Masonry,—that it of right belongs to the Blue Lodge, and I think ought to be understood and practiced when the recipient is constitutionally entitled to receive it. I allude to the fundamental laws of the Order (not written) but sufficiently understood from our traditions.”

By the adoption of a majority report the following resolution was carried:—

“*Resolved*,—That while as a general rule Lodge Halls should be used only for Masonic purposes, yet cases of necessity may arise in which the use of said Halls by other bodies may be allowed—and Subordinate Lodges are authorized in such cases to allow the use of their Halls to any orderly body, the objects of whose meetings are lawful and

laudable, and not opposed to or antagonist with the principles of our Institution."

This is also opposed to the general current of opinions now, and is contrary to the general practice. We believe with the minority of the committee, that "it is unmasonic and contrary to the spirit and genius of our Order to allow other associations to occupy the Lodge rooms in common with the Fraternity."

Bro. Barkley has a very good report on correspondence in which we find Canada fer 1872, and 1873.

MISSOURI.

Grand Master Anderson, believes in official visitations by the Grand Master, and thinks that they would bring about a more healthy and prosperous growth of the true principles of Masonry than any other instrumentality.

We copy a few of his decisions which we approve:—

"A notice from a United States attorney to witnesses not to testify in Masonic trial, until after trial in the Circuit Court, is a *nullity*, and furnishes no excuse for a witness refusing to testify.

"It is *impolitic* for a Lodge to allow any other organization to occupy a hall in common with itself, and *illegal* to become joint-owners or occupants with any other than exclusively moral or benevolent associations. Co-partnerships with political or secular societies must not be tolerated.

"Where degrees have been improperly conferred, and the candidate is 'formally heled,' he is not required to pay fees for the 'heleing process.'

"A Lodge cannot remit the dues of a member until they have accrued. A vote to remit a brother's dues, 'as long as he may continue a member of the Lodge,' is null and void.

"It is contrary to Masonic policy, as well as law, to allow a Lodge of Grangers to unite with a Masonic Lodge and participate in the exercises of the 24th of June. The brother who would propose such a thing may be honest, but he is certainly ignorant of the first principles of Masonry.

We are suprised however, at the improper use of the word

“hele” in the third of the above decisions in place of “heal.” A candidate having improperly received the degrees requires to be formally “healed” that is “made sound” or “cured” of the deficiency in the previous ceremony. But the word “hele” has a wholly different signification. It is old Saxon meaning “to cover” or “to hide” and is now obsolete except in Masonry where it is appropriately used in the OB’s.

The Grand Master thinks there are too many Lodges. He says:—

“Some seem to think that Lodges ought to be established at every blacksmith shop and cross-road in the country. There was a time, and that but a few years ago, when for a brother to ride eight, ten, or fifteen miles to a Lodge, through all kinds of weather, was not regarded as a hardship. But, then, it required a man in the full sense of the term—a man from sole to crown—a man in all his parts, morally, mentally, and physically, to be a Mason. They were not only always around with the breastplate, but were *steel* themselves—the pure metal, without flaw or defect of any kind. They did not enlist in our army to wear plumes and epaulettes, and become the recipients of glory and renown, and prove cowards when the cannon boomed and the cries of the wounded proclaimed the reality of battle at hand. Now, it seems our patrons are so effeminate, tender and delicate, that Masonry must be brought to their very doors, and made to pay recompense even for their condescension in entering her gates. And shall she, sycophantic-like, bend the knee in obedience? Verily, it appears on this wise.

Two Lodges required special dispensations to hold their elections on account of that naughty moon again. One is thus reported:

“November 21st, 1873.—To United Lodge, No. 5, to hold an election of officers on the 4th of December following, all the resident brethren being duly notified. This was necessitated, on account of the failure of the “man in the moon” to “come to time.” The By-law of the Lodge provided, That the stated meetings should be held on the 1st Thursday on or before full moon, and that the election should be held at the first stated meeting in December. Now it so happened that there was no “first Thursday on or before the full moon” last December, the moon having full on Wednesday, the 3rd of the month, and as the Lodge had no control over “the

man" (he being out of their jurisdiction), I granted them the dispensation."

He ordered a duplicate Charter to be issued to replace one stolen from a Lodge room and remarks:—

"April 16th, 1874.—Having been advised that the Charter of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 327, at West Plains, Missouri, had been stolen, I ordered a duplicate Charter issued. This came of allowing two or three different organizations to meet in the same hall, and having keys in the hands of parties not of the Craft."

The Grand Master has been sued for \$2760 interest on bonds of the Masonic Hall Association of St. Louis; but the Grand Master thinks that they have a good defence, as Grand Lodge had nothing to do with these bonds. We suppose this is one of the effects of being incorporated.

We copy one of the reports of the committee on grievances:—

"James H. Vaughn, vs. Circle Lodge, No. 342, appeals from decision of the Lodge suspending him. This is one of the funniest cases we have met with. It stands by itself in the Criminal Jurisprudence of our Grand Lodge. The specifications and the speech injected into each one of them are too long to insert here. But as a sample of the lot, we will copy the shortest one. Here it is—Specification 3rd; 'For being a regular nuisance in the Lodge; for all are conversant with the fact that, *when present*, he continually bores the Lodge with long windy speeches to the detriment of the peace and harmony and prosperity of our Lodge, as well as the chargin of many brethren *present*."

"We are glad that the accused is only a 'nuisance' 'when present,' and we are glad that the 'chargin' is only felt by the 'brethren present.'"

"Well, they found him guilty and suspended him six months. The brother appeals. The sentence will expire November 14th next. He has suffered enough with five months' suspension on such specifications as we find in this Record. Let him be restored to all his rights, and his time of suspension expire now."

This committee seem to have their hands full. They

report fully on 32 cases, and must have worked hard to investigate and decide on all these in the short time allowed them.

Bro. Gouley has his customary excellent report on correspondence, in which we find Canada for 1873. Under the head of Colorado, he has the following capital remarks on the absurd practice some Grand Lodges have of opening on the third degree:—

“We must say that we do not exactly see through the necessity of this form of opening.

“In the first place, we do not see what kind of charter the Deputy Grand Master had, under which to open ‘a Lodge of Master Masons.’

“In the second place, we do not see what it could accomplish, for it is certainly not competent for a Lodge of Master Masons, without a charter, to sit in judgement on the credentials of a sovereign Grand Body.

“In the third place, any Grand Lodge can meet without a quorum, and adjourn from time to time until it gets a quorum by summons or otherwise; and we hold that the Grand Master should have opened the Grand Lodge, and ascertained from the Committee on Credentials if a quorum was present, and if so, then go ahead—and if not, then send for them, and call off until the delegates arrived. This is the ‘old style,’ and we like it best, because it looks more like square work. We do not know where our good brethren of Colorado got their idea from, but we hope they will abandon it, for it won’t stand the test of logic or usage.”

MONTANA.

A fire in Helena, on January 9th, 1874, destroyed all the property of this Grand Lodge. The loss in books, furniture, and library was estimated at \$1,000, but the actual loss of records and archives is well said to be incalculable and deeply felt. We tender our sympathy.

The following were adopted :

“*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the Tyler, being a member of a subordinate Lodge, must

vote upon every application for affiliation or the degrees, unless excused by the unanimous vote of the members present.

“*Resolved*, That the Tyler at his position is not one of the seven necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

“*Resolved*, That where any other officer authorized to act as W. M. in his absence shall so act, the minutes shall show what position said person really holds to qualify him to act as W. M.

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Master be and he is hereby requested to issue a circular letter calling the attention of the Masters and Wardens of all subordinate Lodges to the thirteenth standing resolution of this Grand Lodge (relating to the vices of intemperance, gambling, licentiousness and profanity), directing them to strictly enforce the provisions of the same, and to use their utmost efforts to suppress the vices mentioned in the said standing resolution by their personal efforts with any erring brother, and by all proper exercise of Masonic discipline.”

We also copy the following from the review of Canada for 1873, by Bro. Hedges:—

“The address of Grand Master is elegant and interesting, although strictly confined to official acts, declining, as he says in his introduction, to take advantage of his position to read a lecture on Masonry.

“One of his acts, in warranting a Lodge to be established at Jerusalem or vicinity, has already received considerable notoriety through the Masonic press, and elicited a variety of comment. Our versatile and rather volatile Bro. Robt. Morris was the prime mover, and becomes W. M. of ‘Royal Solomon Mother Lodge.’ Several other distinguished Masonic brethren, of whose intended departure to Canaan’s happy shores’ we had not been advised, also appear as petitioners and constituent members. Not one is a genuine resident of Palestine, or ever intends to be. It is a sort of knight-errantry movement, calculated to provoke the comment of a smile. From our present standpoint we fail to see how this move is going to reflect any credit upon, or perform any service for, Masonry; however, we are liable to be astonished, and confess that we shall be, if this new ‘star in the east’ emits any more light than the tail of a comet.

“From the fact that dispensations were issued for fifteen new Lodges during the year, it would seem that Masonry was growing vigorously. The general tenor of addresses and reports throughout this volume indicate a dignified and courteous spirit of independence in a course they think is right. We think they have preserved their temper admirably under unusual provocations.”

Brother Hedges is greatly troubled about mutilating the proceedings in making extracts. The remedy is quite simple and there need be no scissors used. Mark the passages to be copied and send the books to the printer along with the MS., making a note in pencil where the extract is to come in. This is our plan and it works well. By exercising a little care the printer can return the proceedings in as good condition as he receives them.

NEBRASKA.

These proceedings are very well got up and neatly bound.

Non-intercourse was declared with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and the Grand Orient of France, by the adoption of the following:—

“Your committee, on Foreign Correspondence, believing that the time has fully come when this Grand Lodge should take an open and decided stand against the persistent acts of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and the Grand Orient of France, in violation of the jurisdictional rights of sister Grand Lodges, respectfully beg leave to offer the following preamble and resolutions:—

“WHEREAS, This M. W. Grand Lodge has heretofore, and always, recognized the American Masonic Monroe-doctrine of sole and exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction within the state or province wherein a legally constituted Grand Lodge exists; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Hamburg has, in violation of the said doctrine, planted Lodges in the jurisdiction of our sister Grand Lodges of New York and New Jersey; and

“WHEREAS, ALSO, In violation of said doctrine, the Grand Orient of France has assumed to recognize, sustain and hold fraternal intercourse with the notorious and spurious body

known as the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in and for the Sovereign State of Louisiana; and,

“WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge has remonstrated against such violations of the rights of our sister Grand Lodges, and has fraternally requested the said Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and the said Grand Orient of France, to rescind and revoke their said acts of infringement; and

“WHEREAS, The said Grand Bodies have persistently failed or refused to make the *amende honorable*: therefore be it

“*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge does hereby estrange and estop all fraternal intercourse between this Grand Body and the said offending Grand Bodies, and that Masons of this obedience are prohibited from holding any Masonic intercourse whatever with the said Grand Bodies, or with Masons of their obedience. And be it further

“*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will henceforth require as a condition precedent to fraternal intercourse between this Grand Lodge and all other Grand Bodies, the full and unqualified recognition of the said ‘doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction.’”

This is the first unqualified admission we have seen of the existence of an “American Masonic Monroe-doctrine,” and we must protest against any “American Monroe-doctrine” being Masonic at all. Masonry being universal there can be no distinctively *American* Masonic doctrine; for any doctrine to be *Masonic* must be equally applicable to all countries and nations. The last resolution, if it is attempted to be carried out, will probably get the Grand Lodge of Nebraska into hot water. We do not however wish to be understood as in any way approving of the actions of Hamburg or France in invading the jurisdictions of other independent Grand Lodges. On the contrary, we strongly condemn them. We simply wish to point out that a great mistake is being made in attempting to coerce by a threat of non-intercourse all foreign Grand Lodges into the recognition of *American* doctrines. This would tend to destroy the universality of our fraternity, and no Grand Lodge of any dignity could permit such an unwarrantable interference with its sovereign rights.

It was rightly decided by Grand Lodge to discontinue the publication of "rejected, suspended and expelled lists."

The organization was recommended of a Masonic life assurance association.

Canada for 1873 is fraternally noticed by Bro. J. N. Wise, Chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

NEVADA.

Grand Master Horatio S. Mason, believes that an unfavorable report by a Committee of Investigation should operate as a rejection without a ballot, (which is the law with us), also, that a W. M. can remove an appointed officer at will, with which we do not agree.

On these subjects the Committee on Jurisprudence reported as under, and their report was adopted:—

"We think the W. M. has not the right to remove an appointed officer during the period for which he has been appointed. We are aware that it is held by some, that as these officers are appointed by the W. M., they are removable at his pleasure. This is not in accordance with the principles which govern the tenure of all Masonic offices. Although they are indebted for their positions to a preliminary appointment, they are subsequently installed like the other officers, and are bound to the performance of their duties for a similar period. In act, it is the installation; and not the appointment, that makes them officers of the Lodge; and deriving, therefore, their right to office from this ceremony, they are to be governed by the same rules which effect other installed officers. The appointed officers having been once installed, derive their tenure of office from that installation, and cannot be removed by the Master; the office can only be vacated as provided for in the Constitution.

"We think that an unfavorable report of a Committee of Investigation should not be deemed a rejection, but that a ballot should be taken on all petitions for the degree or for affiliation; and we therefore recommend that such be the rule in this jurisdiction."

Our proceedings were not received.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

From the able address of Grand Master Ellis we make the following extracts:—

“My official duties during the past year have been comparatively light. I have made no official decisions that it is necessary specially to report to you. Of course the usual questions have been asked, as though they had never been asked and answered before, as to whether a person without a foot, or with part of a foot, or with some other member of his body missing, could be accepted into the society. There has been enquiry whether or not the Grand Master would grant a dispensation to confer two degrees upon a candidate on one day, and the Grand Secretary has answered that the Grand Master had no power to do so.

“Informal application has been made to me twice during the year to ascertain whether or not I would consent to the erection in this city of a Lodge composed exclusively of men of color. There are resident here colored men who have been made in a regular Lodge in the city of Halifax. There are others claiming to have been made Masons in the United States under an authority not known to, or recognized, by this Grand Lodge. Of course a warrant could only issue to regular Masons duly affiliated with some Lodge upon our registry. But I have explained to the gentlemen who have spoken to me upon the subject that I do not think it advisable to establish Lodges composed of men of any particular sect, colour, opinion, or nationality, as such; it is to unite men of all kinds on the broad principle of human brotherhood that the Masonic institution exists. To establish such a Lodge would simply be to create a distinction where now there is none. I trust and believe that the doors of our Lodges are open to all good men without respect to color.

“The Grand Lodge of Canada has sustained a severe loss in the death of Very Worshipful Bro. T. B. Harris, the Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction. Bro. Harris took a prominent part in the erection of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and he had held the office of Grand Secretary almost from the formation of Grand Lodge to the time of his death—a period of eighteen years. To us all he was known in his official character, and his name was honored among us because of his devotion to the interests of the Craft. It was only in the Spring of this year that I had the good fortune to make his personal acquaintance, and I was greatly impressed by his

intelligence, with the earnestness of his nature, and with the genuine courtesy which characterized his manners."

The following were adopted:—

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick heartily rejoice in the settlement of the difficulties recently existing between the Freemasons of the Province of Quebec, and the Grand Lodge of Canada, and extends cordial recognition and good wishes to the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec:

And further Resolved,—That the Mos Worshipful Grand Master be requested to take the necessary steps to have the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick represented at the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

The Board of General Purposes submitted a resolution regarding the rights and privileges of membership as under; but it was resolved that the question should be laid over for a year.

Resolved,—That while, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, a Mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Fraternity, until he be suspended, excluded or expelled, after having undergone a regular trial, there is nothing in the general regulations of the Craft to prevent Lodges, if they desire to do so, enacting a By-law, providing that brethren in arrears of dues on the night of the annual election in their Lodge shall not be eligible to vote at such election or to hold office."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

We copy two of the decisions of the Grand Master:—

"That 'we are not able to agree,' is not a proper report for an Investigating Committee to submit. They should make a definite report.

"That for its own jurisdiction, a Grand Lodge has a lawful right to make a regulation, or the Grand Master thereof to issue an order, that will be obligatory upon all Lodges to require a visiting brother, previous to his examination, to furnish a certificate of membership, or some evidence of his good standing in the Lodge from which he hails."

The reports of the District Deputies give full details of

each of their official visits. The Lodges are in general good condition.

A defaulting bank cashier was expelled.

Bro. John J. Bell has an excellent correspondence report from which we take part of his notice of our proceedings:—

“‘The Royal Solomon Mother Lodge,’ at Jerusalem, seems to be a contrivance of the somewhat notorious Rob. Morris. The charter *granted it directly by the Grand Master* is not in the usual form. The large majority of the members named are Masons of distinction in this country, who certainly do not intend to reside at Jerusalem, and who, by the provisions of the laws of the jurisdictions in which they reside, could not become members of it without dimitting from their Lodges at home, which we do not believe they will do. In fact we doubt whether most of them had any knowledge that their names were thus used. From all the circumstances, we fear that new trouble to the Craft will come from this last bantling of Rob. Morris.”

NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Master refused all applications for dispensations to shorten the time for conferring degrees. One application was to make a Mason *at sight*. He recommends the abolition of affiliation fees.

The minutes and protocols of our settlement with Quebec are given in full, and resolutions on this subject were passed as follows:

“*Resolved*,—That the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey congratulates the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada on the harmonious adjustment of the difficulties which have for some years disturbed the peace of that jurisdiction.

“*Resolved*,—That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec is hereby fraternally recognized, and welcomed to the fellowship of Grand Lodges.”

On uniformity of work a scheme was adopted as contained in the following report. It was found that there were wide differences in the ritual in different parts of the State, and that the standard work should emanate from unquestionable

authority. Also, that the Grand Lecturer was too expensive and this system seems well calculated to secure the objects aimed at, while being more economical.

“1. That there be appointed at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, by the M. W. Grand Master elect, a proper and competent member of this Grand Body, who shall be known and bailed as the R. W. Grand Instructor, who shall be the Custodian and Conservator of the Standard Masonic Work of New Jersey, and whose instructions concerning the same shall be received and adopted by the D.D. Grand Masters and Subordinate Lodges.

“2. It shall be the duty of the Grand Instructor to communicate said standard work in full to the D. D. Grand Masters at least three times in each year, to wit: Immediately after the close of the annual session of this Grand Lodge; also during the first week in April, and the last week in August, at such place as the Grand Master may designate.

“3. This work so communicated to and received by the D. D. Grand Masters shall be by them imparted to the Subordinate Lodges in their respective districts, whenever there may be necessity for such instruction or correction of the work of said Lodges.

“4. It shall be the duty of the Grand Instructor to visit and instruct any Lodge requesting his presence and instruction, receiving therefore reimbursements for the necessary expenses attendant upon such a visitation, and the sum of \$5.00 per day as a remuneration for his services, said expenses and compensation to be paid by said Lodge.

“5. The salary of the Grand Instructor to be paid by this Grand Lodge shall be \$500 per annum. which amount shall be the total expense incurred by this Grand Body for said officer.”

Bro. Marshall B. Smith, has a good notice of Canada for 1873 in his report. He also says that our Grand Secretary was elected by an open vote of Grand Lodge, and as this is the second time we have come across this mistake, we may as well explain. Our Constitution provides that the elective officers of Grand Lodge, except the tyler, are to be chosen by ballot, and the tyler is to be elected by open vote. As the Grand Secretary is the last of the elective officers to be

chosen by ballot his name immediately precedes that of the tyler, who is the only elective officer then remaining. Between these two names in order to show that our Constitution has been complied with, is inserted, "By an open vote of Grand Lodge," which refers of course to the election of tyler following it, as the election of the other officers has been previously stated to be by ballot.

NEW YORK.

Grand Master Fox, reports a fair degree of prosperity and harmony in Subordinate Lodges. On Foreign Relations he states:—

"Our Foreign Relations continue in the same condition as reported last year, but it is thought that through proper representations in regard to certain matters pending in the German Grand Lodge League, concerning the abolition of Grand Lodge jurisdiction and the recognition of pretended Masonic organizations in this country, that a more friendly feeling will prevail towards the Grand Lodges of the United States on the part of the German Lodges with respect to these questions."

His correspondence has been very large and it is no wonder that "the ordinary names of correspondence has been found inadequate to meet the requirements" of so large a jurisdiction, numbering nearly 700 Subordinates. He therefore suggests the issue of an official bulletin monthly or quarterly.

We also copy these paragraphs:—

"The rapid increase of ephemeral societies during the past few years has occasioned a demand in many localities for the use of Masonic apartments for their meetings. During the past year, frequent applications were made in behalf of Lodges for permission to rent their rooms to other associations; and, while not refusing permission, except in cases where Lodge rooms had been solemnly dedicated, I could only reply that the Grand Lodge had no regulation on the subject, probably for the reason that it contemplated no such employment for Masonic apartments, and that a Lodge ought to have a sufficient degree of pride in its connection with our ancient and honored Fraternity to refuse, for the

sake of the few dollars it would gain, to allow the use of its rooms for any but Masonic purposes. Much contention and ill feeling has grown out of the practice, and it is recommended that a regulation on the subject be proposed for incorporation in Statutes, so that in future Lodges may act and govern themselves accordingly.

“In granting dispensations authorizing the ceremonies of dedication of Lodge rooms, it was required that any expense incurred in their preparation should first be paid, so that no debt should rest upon the Lodge, and pledges were exacted that the use of the rooms should be confined wholly to Masonic organizations—conditions demanded by a prudent regard for the future.”

The following were adopted:—

“WHEREAS,—The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, from its organization in 1781, to the year 1815 inclusive, have never been printed for the information of the Craft, and

“WHEREAS,—The printed Transactions from 1816, up to the year 1852, are now so rare as to make it impossible to obtain full and complete files for the several Lodges under this jurisdiction and for the Libraries of the Grand Bodies of the United States.

“*Resolved*,—That Kane Lodge, No. 454, F. & A. M. of the city of New York, is hereby authorized to copy and print the proceedings as above from organization to 1815, and reprint them from 1816 to 1852, the same to be done without any expense to this Grand Lodge.”

Also this from the Commissioners of Appeals:—

“*Resolved*,—That it is declared to be an imperative rule in Masonic trials, that when a vote is taken in a Lodge upon the guilt or innocence of a brother under charges, or upon the measure of his punishment, the vote to constitute a majority must be a majority of all the members of the Lodge present when such vote is taken.”

The Committee on Condition of Masonry think that the issue of an Official Bulletin would be too radical a change, and suggest an adherence to the ancient custom by the Grand Master transmitting his mandates in “encyclical letter” to the Craft.

From the report of this committee we copy as follows :—

“The communication purporting as coming from Garibaldi Lodge, No. 542, does not bear upon its face the official seal of that Lodge, attested by its Secretary; but, presuming that this requisite to an official document may have been inadvertently omitted, we have, nevertheless, given the resolution a careful consideration. It asks that the Lodges located within the limits of the cities of New York and Brooklyn be required, upon the application of a foreigner for initiation, to communicate his name to the Lodges of the same nationality of such applicant, that in case there should be any objection to the applicant, it may be known to the Lodge he is seeking to enter.

“We commend the spirit which prompted this resolution, the object evidently being to guard the Craft from receiving into their fold unworthy persons. We would gladly aid the Lodge in its laudable purpose in this particular instance, did we not conceive the means proposed at variance with the principles of Freemasonry. We should adopt no policy calculated to draw a line of distinction between Lodges working in a foreign tongue and those of our language, nor should any rule be adopted which would trammel a Lodge in the full exercise of its free action in the inspection of its candidates. The injunctions laid upon the Craft to protect the Institution from the introduction of improper material into the Masonic edifice is sufficiently potent and ample to cover any case which may come under their cognizance. They are enjoined to appoint a committee whose duty it is to make a thorough investigation into the moral and social standing of every applicant for initiation. We therefore report adversely to the petition from this Lodge.”

A suitable testimonial was ordered for the retiring Grand Master M. W. Bro. Christopher G. Fox, who has filled the East for the past two years with great credit to himself, and earnest devotion to the best interests of the Craft.

A resolution to strike out the words “Holy Saints John” from the ritual wherever they occur, as being sectarian in their character, was ordered by Grand Lodge to be laid on the table.

Bro. James Gibson has an elaborate report on correspondence in which we find Canada for 1873. There is also one

exceedingly valuable and interesting review of all the European Grand Lodges by W. Bro. Pinner, which we would like to copy entire if space would permit. He gives a full account of the Grand Lodge League, and all the points in dispute with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and the arguments on both side. In fact it is a complete statement of the whole question and deserves to be carefully read and studied. We confess to having acquired from it very much that we were previously in ignorance of, and any brother desirous of light on this important subject cannot do better than peruse this report.

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NORTH CAROLINA.

Grand Master Nichols recommends the compilation of a digest of Masonic law for that jurisdiction, and that the committee on the history of Masonry be continued. The expenses of Grand Lodge exceeds its revenue, and a *per capita* tax is recommended to equalize the obligations of the subordinates and increase the revenue of Grand Lodge.

The liberal offer of the Bingham school to give free tuition to indigent Masonic orphans is submitted as in every way worthy of confidence.

The orphan asylum has continued prosperously on its mission of mercy and usefulness, having nearly 150 inmates during the past year. A branch was partly organized over the mountains in the western part of the State.

The following resolutions were repealed, and very rightly say we:—

“*Resolved*,—That willful non-affiliation is a violation of Masonic law, and should be placed on the same footing with every other offense.

“*Resolved*,—That Subordinate Lodges should punish every violation of Masonic law where the offender is duly convicted.”

And this was passed and is also correct in principle. We allow non-affiliates to visit *once*.

Resolved,—That any member of a Subordinate Lodge who shall apply for a dimit, it shall be granted him upon his producing the Secretary's receipt that he has paid all Lodge dues, if there be no charges against him ;

Provided, — That any Mason who thus becomes non-affiliated, by his action distinctly releases all members of Lodges from any and all Masonic ties between himself and them, retaining no Masonic right except that of petitioning any Lodge for membership."

NOVA SCOTIA.

An emergent communication was held January 13th, 1874, to record the death of the Grand Master M. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, who died on December 14th, 1873, at the advanced age of 78 years.

In accordance with their constitution, the last preceeding Grand Master S. R. Sircom was invited to act, and he consented to perform the duties of the Grand Master's office until the next annual election.

It was decided to purchase the Masonic hall property in Halifax, and seven trustees were appointed to hold the same in trust for Grand Lodge.

The same trustees were authorized to apply for an Act to incorporate the Grand Lodge.

In the address of acting Grand Master Sircom we find the following, which is worthy of note as a rarity:—

"It has not been of frequent occurrence in this jurisdiction for brethren to make bequests to the Masonic institution, and therefore I feel it is quite appropriate to bring to your notice the demise of a brother, who, although never occupying any prominent position in the Craft, was one of its faithful and zealous members. Our late brother, Samuel Delisser, to whom I have referred, was born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, in 1834; and for many years he resided in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, where he died towards the close of last year.

Brother Delisser, at the time of his death, was a member of "Union" Lodge, No. 18, registry of Nova Scotia.

Among the many bequests of our late brother were the following: fifty dollars to the Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, for the relief of distressed widows and orphans of worthy brother Masons; forty dollars to "Union" Lodge, No. 18, Halifax; and twenty-four dollars to "Zetland" Lodge, No. 9, Liverpool."

And the following on dispensations:—

"Each application from the above Lodges expressed great urgency, and as it was represented to me that the late Grand Master had complied with similar requests, I felt, as it were, compelled to adopt the course of him who had so lately passed away.

I must, however, honestly confess that I do not believe the interest of Masonry is advanced by the exercise of this prerogative. In most instances it will be found that the applicant, who desires this rushing through, has suddenly conceived the idea that Masonry is a great institution, and that it will be considerably to his advantage to become a member of it; and without being able to appreciate the high moral principles it inculcates, he, by his complete ignorance of all that pertains to our perfect system, frequently brings discredit upon our venerable Order.

It would, I am perfectly convinced, add to our general proficiency if the full month was in every case strictly enforced between each degree, and the examination in open Lodge literally complied with."

He also recommends the formation of a library and reading room.

A motion to organize a board of general purposes was *lost*.

Gift enterprises were condemned.

Grand Lodge is now incorporated.

Bro. Geo. T. Smithers has a good report on correspondence noticing Canada for 1873.

OHIO.

The Grand Master has the following account of a celebration in one of the strongholds of anti-Masonry:—

“On the 24th of June I attended a grand celebration of the fraternity at Wellsville, in Columbiana County, which has not been excelled by any thing in Eastern Ohio. For some months previous, the anti Masons in that vicinity had held high carnival, and freely boasted that the Order in the village should be crushed out. Professed ministers of the Gospel had declaimed against it from the pulpit; lectures had been delivered by itinerant humbugs, in which its enormities were laid bare; and a feeling of bitterness against the fraternity was engendered and encouraged, which, it was hoped by our enemies, would result in the downfall of Wellsville Lodge. But, in the hour of the apparent triumph of our enemies in that vicinity, the brethren of Wellsville were equal to the emergency. They quietly arranged for a grand display on that occasion; and when the memorable day arrived, their success exceeded their most sanguine expectations. Lodges were present from New Lisbon, East Liverpool, Hammondsville, Salineville, Honover, Minerva, Waynesburg, Alliance, Steubenville, Bridgeport, and Martin’s Ferry, in Ohio; from Beaver, Smith’s Ferry, Alleghany, Pittsburg, Rochester, and New Brighton, in Pennsylvania; New Cumberland, Wellsburg, and Wheeling, in West Virginia; together with a number of Commanders in full uniform from the three States named. The procession was one of the finest I have ever seen, and the town was too small to hold the people. Over eight thousand people gathered around the speaker’s stand and listened to an able and eloquent address delivered by our worthy Bro. Rev. W. B. Watkins, of Pittsburg; and since that day not the sound of an anti-Mason has been heard in Wellsville, “or the region round about.”

He recommends one ballot for the three degrees (which is our law, and we think the correct plan,) but the Grand Lodge determined not to make any change in this respect.

A member was suspended for selling liquor contrary to law, and Grand Lodge on appeal confirmed the suspension.

The following were adopted:—

“Lodges *shall* deny to unaffiliated Masons the privilege of more than *three* visits, the privilege of joining in public processions, and *may* deny them the privilege of Masonic charity and Masonic burial.”

“Nor shall any visitor be received in any Lodge, who has

been unaffiliated for a period of more than one year next preceding the time of his applying for admission as a visitor."

"The standing committee on Masonic jurisprudence, submit the following report:—

They have carefully considered the resolution offered by M. W. Bro. M. D. Brock, Past Dep. G. Master, requesting the M. W. G. Master to open a correspondence with the several Grand Lodges in the United States, for the purpose of arranging a meeting of delegates, to adopt a uniform Ritual, and recommend that the subject be indefinitely postponed; for the reason that Masonry has a universal language which can not be changed by rituals; and for the further reason that the mere form of words in which instruction in the art of Masonry is given to the Neophyte is of no importance whatever, so that it be sufficiently explicit to convey the information desired; and, hence, uniformity in this regard is neither important nor possible."

"It is unmasonic for any Lodge of Masons to attend the funeral of a brother when the same is not under control of, and conducted by, a Lodge of Master Masons."

"O. K." Lodge had its name very properly changed to Oak Harbor Lodge.

Grand Secretary Caldwell has diverted from his usual routine of reports or correspondence, and his production is more than usually interesting. He goes into history and historical statistics, and many other matters, in a most agreeable style.

He suggests a general Masonic assembly on the 24th of June, 1876.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Abstract of Proceedings received is prefaced with an excellent wood-cut of the new Masonic Temple.

It was decided that the preparation is not a part of the ceremony of initiation, and that the W. M. should not have initiated a candidate who was objected to after he was prepared, but before he was introduced.

The new Temple was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on the 26th September, 1873, and a memorial volume containing full particulars is to be published by Grand Lodge. The total cost was \$1,569,092.61. The expenses of the trustees of the building fund only amounted to \$170.79.

A re-print of the proceedings was authorized to be published by subscription, but at no expense to Grand Lodge.

QUEBEC.

An Emergent Meeting was held on January 6th, 1874, at which a committee of seven was appointed to confer with the committee from the Grand Lodge of Canada with the view of effecting a settlement.

The proceedings of the joint committee, by which the settlement was made, appears in an appendix.

The fifth Annual Communication was held at Montreal, September 23rd, 1874, M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray, acting as Grand Secretary in the place of R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, who was absent in England.

Delegates were present from thirty-five Lodges. Five Lodges were not represented.

After the formal opening the following appears:

“The acting Grand Secretary reported that the delegates representing the Lodges in this jurisdiction, lately under the registry of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada, were in waiting in the anti-chamber, and desired to be received into affiliation with this Grand Lodge in accordance with the terms of agreement arranged by the joint Conference Committee.

“The M. W. Grand Master directed the committee on credentials to retire with the registration book, and receive their enrollment under their respective Lodges of said delegates. The M. W. Grand Master further directed R. W. Bro. Dunbar, D. G. M., and R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray, acting Grand Secretary, to retire and introduce to Grand Lodge the delegates aforesaid.

“On their return to Grand Lodge R. W. Bro. Dunbar, D. G. M., introduced M. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and accompanying brethren, as representatives of subordinate Lodges, now for the first time affiliating with the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec.”

The brethren thus introduced and affiliated, represented seventeen Lodges.

The formal reception is thus noted :

“The M. W. the Grand Master then formally received and welcomed the brethren here enrolled as representing the several Lodges lately under Canada Registry, as affiliating Lodges under the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and intimated that at a later period of the session an opportunity would be given for a more extended expression of congratulation at the happy termination to the differences heretofore existing between the two Grand Bodies. The several delegates were seated according to their respective ranks in the East, South and West, amidst the applause and approbation of the assembled brethren.

“The acting Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, here presented his credentials from M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as representative of that Grand Body near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and was received with all the honors and much enthusiasm by Grand Lodge.”

The Grand Master's address is an able and well written document, and contains valuable remarks on a number of interesting topics. We copy his opening :

“BRETHREN.—This day becomes memorable in the annals of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec.

“Seven years' discussion of constitutional principles is ended.

“All differences hitherto existing between the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada, and this Grand Body, have been happily adjusted.

“Jurisdiction within our territory has been formally withdrawn,—due recognition has been most fraternally extended to us ;—our Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington has been most honorably and heartily received,—the consummation of all which this day, and the honorable and

perfect union now most harmoniously effected between the daughter Lodges of "Canada" in this jurisdiction, and this Grand Lodge is, I am sure, a source of profound satisfaction and deep, heart-felt joy to every one of you; and to every true Mason of whatever Registry he may, hitherto have been;—and I am confident that this will prove to be the beginning of a new era of prosperity to the craft throughout the entire province, and will be a cause of unusual rejoicing throughout the Masonic world.

"All thanks are due to the able and prudent brethren in both the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec,—who officially or otherwise have so earnestly and efficiently labored to bring about this most desirable end. May they long live to see the blessed fruits of their good work. May one and all put out of sight and out of mind all past differences;—and each strive to excel in that noblest of emulation of who can best work and best agree, so that our symbolic temple may be erected, harmoniously and successfully and in the perfection of beauty, to the honor and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe."

He had occasion to visit England during the year, and was cordially received and entertained there. This visit is remarkable, as it appears that no other actual Grand Master from either division of old Canada has hitherto visited the mother country.

He recommends the appointment of a historical committee to search the old records, as there appears to be evidence of the existence of our fraternity even in the remote parts of the eastern townships, in the early part of the present century.

Dispensations were issued to two new Lodges.

We also notice the following :

"It was, I am sure, with deep sorrow and heart-felt grief that every member of this Grand Lodge learned of the death of R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, of Hamilton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada. That Grand Body by his death, has lost a most faithful and efficient officer, and each one of us has lost an excellent brother of a warm heart, bright intellect, and generous impulses."

Pending the presentation of Reports from the Board of

General Purposes, the M. W. the Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge, announcing his retirement from the Grand East, and desiring the brethren to consider well their choice of officers for the coming twelve months. The Grand Master reviewed briefly the history of Grand Lodge, its present happy position, and its prospects of usefulness for the future. His remarks were received most cordially by Grand Lodge, excepting where he announced his retirement from office, the brethren generally being evidently wholly unprepared for such a determination.

A case came up on appeal, where at an election for Senior Warden there were sixteen votes for one candidate, fifteen for another, and one blank ballot. The W. M. ruled that there was no election, as no candidate had received a majority of the votes cast, and he ordered the ballot to be again taken. The D. D. G. M. upheld the ruling of the W. M., and the case was appealed to Grand Lodge. After a very full discussion Grand Lodge decided to sustain the appeal, and reverse the ruling of the W. M. by a vote of twenty-five to twenty-four. A vote by ballot was then demanded and had, the result being the same, by a vote of fifty-eight to forty. With all due deference we think the majority of Grand Lodge were clearly in the wrong. A candidate having received sixteen votes out of thirty-two cannot be said to have received a majority of the votes, and that majority is essential to election. We think the blank ballot is as much *against* the candidate who had sixteen votes as any of the other fifteen, and we are of opinion that the W. M. was right in ordering a new ballot, and that his ruling should have been sustained.

The following will be found interesting to our readers in this jurisdiction :

“The M. W. the Grand Master now alluded to the happy settlement of all differences between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada, and intimated that as a very general desire had been expressed to hear from some of the distinguished brethren who now for the first time participated with us in the business of this Grand Lodge, an opportunity

would now be accorded them, and introduced M. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

“Bro. White then addressing Grand Lodge said:—

“MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:—Permit me, Sir, to thank you very cordially for the opportunity which you have given me of expressing to Grand Lodge my satisfaction at being present with them, and to join my most hearty congratulations with yours at the settlement of the disputes which for the last four years separated Freemasons in the Province of Quebec. While I have not in any way changed my opinions as to the policy which dictated your withdrawal from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and while I sever my connection with that Grand Lodge with very sincere regret, I have never since the formation of this Most Worshipful body, in 1869, wavered for one moment in an earnest desire to see the dispute settled and harmony restored among the members of the Craft. I can honestly say, that to that end I have labored, according to my judgment, in such a way as to promote a permanent settlement. To that end it was of the utmost importance that neither party to the dispute should be required to terminate it on other than fair and equitable terms, terms which would leave the self respect of each unimpaired, and which would give no just opportunity for a sense of triumph on the part of either over the other (Cheers.) I have thought, and I still think, that greatly to be deplored as was the condition of Freemasonry divided into hostile camps, and refusing the boon of a mutual recognition, even that was to be endured for a time in preference to an over hasty and ill-considered settlement which would leave one party or the other under a sense of humiliation in its submission. (Hear, hear.) The settlement on which we are now congratulating ourselves, is one in which this evil has been avoided, one of mutual concession in matters unimportant, one which enables us, who enter the portals of your Grand Lodge for the first time, and you who have worked here for four years, to feel that we have a mutual and common interest in its future prosperity. (Cheers.) And now, Most Worshipful Sir, let me say to Grand Lodge, that in order that we may realize what we have all looked forward to as the prompting motive in this settlement, we should unite in letting the dead past bury its dead, and think only of the future. (Cheers.) I hope that with this discussion we shall all endeavor to forget that we were ever separated, and that an earnest and united effort will be made to make this Grand Body worthy of that from which it has sprung, the Grand Lodge of Canada, to our association with which, whatever may have been our differences, we all look back with the warm affection and kind remembrance due by the offspring to an ancient and exalted mother Grand Lodge. (Loud Cheers.)

“R. W. Bro. James O’Halloran then addressed Grand Lodge. He expressed the pleasure and gratification he experienced this day in witnessing the consummation of that which all good Masons have so long looked forward to and longed for, and was well assured that the honor of both parties had, in the final arrangements so happily and so amicably arrived at, been well preserved. The evidence before them this day showed that the union just consummated

was a real union, that party lines and strifes had already been buried never to be resuscitated, and that the only strife now amongst us would be who could best work and best agree, so that the brethren in this jurisdiction should forever continue to dwell together in unity.

“R. W. Bro. J. O’Halloran’s remarks were most cordially received by Grand Lodge, and he resumed his seat amidst much applause.”

At the afternoon session on the 24th,—

“M. W. Bro. White then announced that he had a most pleasing duty to perform on behalf of those Lodges lately under the registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, but now a component part of this Grand Lodge. He stated that on severing their connection with the parent grand Lodge agreeably to the terms of the joint Conference Committee, the Grand Lodge of Canada had donated to them the sum of four thousand dollars to be devoted to benevolent purposes, and he had the very great pleasure to announce that the several Lodges had unanimously resolved to present the same to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to form the nucleus of a Benevolent Fund, and he desired its acceptance by this Grand Lodge in accordance with this unanimous desire.

“The announcement was received with many manifestations of pleasure by Grand Lodge.

“It was then moved by R.W. Bro. Alex. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Leet, and unanimously

“*Resolved*,—That the donation just announced from the Lodges lately under the registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada be most gratefully accepted by this Grand Lodge, which hereby pledges itself to receive the same as a nucleus of a fund to be used for benevolent purposes only, under regulations to be hereafter established.”

A well-deserved compliment was paid to R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, of Detroit, by conferring on him the rank of Honorary Past Grand Junior Warden.

STATISTICS.

Lodges working under warrants	59
“ represented in Grand Lodge	54
“ organized	60
“ working	59

Initiations reported	235
Passings "	228
Raisings "	208
Joinings "	48
Resignations "	85
Deaths "	25
Suspended	47
Restorations	11
Members in good standing	1861

MEMO.—This last mentioned number includes only the membership of the forty Lodges which made returns in September, to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. No returns were made by the twenty Lodges formerly under the Grand Lodge of Canada, but now affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Receipts. \$2065 50

The report on Foreign Correspondence being incomplete several of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges not having been reviewed, the Board of General Purposes decided that it be not published in its unfinished state.

A meeting of representatives of the Lodges in Montreal, was held on January 18th, 1875, for the purpose of selecting a delegation to attend the funeral of the late Grand Master of Canada, M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson.

After organization the following resolutions were adopted:

"That this meeting has heard with deep regret of the sad loss which the Craft has sustained by the death of M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and with the view to testify the high esteem in which that distinguished brother was held by the Craft in this Province, a deputation be now appointed to proceed to attend his funeral at Simcoe.

"Resolved,—That R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, with other brethren, to be named by this meeting, shall be the delegation for the purposes above mentioned.

"Finally, M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, and R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, were named in the delegation."

RHODE ISLAND.

The proceedings are chiefly local and call for no special comment.

The following was adopted:

“*Resolved*, That no Subordinate Lodge shall hold official correspondence with any Lodge without this jurisdiction, unless the consent of the M. W. Grand Master be first obtained.

“R. W. Edward L. Freeman, for the Committee on Canada *vs.* Quebec, reports verbally that the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec have come to a mutual understanding, and have amicably arranged their difficulties, and asking that the committee be discharged, as there seems to be no work for them in the premises.

“Action on the report of M.W. Bro. Ariel Ballou, P. G. M., on France *vs.* Louisiana, is deferred to the next semi-annual communication.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

On the 28th October, 1874, the Grand Master “convened the Grand Lodge to pay honor to the memory of our late R. W. Grand Secretary, B. Rush Campbell, who, after a painful and protracted illness, borne with Masonic patience and fortitude, died in this city on the morning of yesterday, in the sixty-first year of his age. Bro. B. Rush Campbell had filled with credit to himself and with honor to the Craft the exalted and dignified position of M. W. Grand Master. Subsequently, elected to the office of Grand Lecturer, he had contributed largely to the Masonic knowledge, both exoteric and esoteric, and the impress of his teachings are to be found widely disseminated throughout this jurisdiction. In other branches of Masonry he had filled very exalted positions, in all of which he had labored faithfully and well, earning for himself the good-will and respect of his brethren and companions.”

We tender our deepest sympathies.

The death is also recorded of M. W. Bro. R. S. Bruns, P. G. M., whose name was widely known and respected throughout the Craft.

One District Deputy has the following in his report:—

“On notice to the Worshipful Master, of Flint Hill Lodge, no additional degrees were conferred upon the “maimed E. A.” Before notice given, however, I found that the party had been passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

“I recommend that the Lodge be now allowed to raise

John Carrol, the party referred to, to the Degree of Master, for the following reasons :

“ Ist. He will be done a great injustice, after, without any fault on his part, having received two degrees, to be stopped, being in the same condition as when initiated. Thus regarded, his case need not be a precedent for *initiating* one maimed.

“ 2d. It is carrying the rules of *operative* Masonry too far, as applied to *speculative* Masonry, to refuse light to one in every respect qualified *quoad* speculative Masonry. He is a perfect man in every respect, except one of his legs. This is perfect in appearance, being a “Bly’s Anatomical Leg,” and only cause a limp in his walk. He can take any step, or assume any posture required. Why then can he not be regarded as a perfect man *quoad* speculative Masonry ?

3d. He was not of age until the 28th of September, 1861. The war was then in progress, and he a volunteer. He lost his leg in battle, 16th December, 1863. Hence, it was impracticable for him to have applied before he lost his leg, as there were very few Lodges in camp. Now, he lost his leg in the *service of his country*. And are we to discourage patriotism by placing this penalty upon sacrifices to one’s *country*. It ought to be the rule in “all well regulated institutions, and more especially this of Masonry,” to require of its members nothing inconsistent with the duties we owe our God, our *country*, or our family. This exclusion by us is inconsistent with the duty we owe our country.”

This was disposed of by the adoption of the report of the committee on jurisprudence, with those remarks we entirely agree :—

“ In reference to the report of Bro. J. H. Rion, District Deputy Grand Master of Third Masonic District, your committee unanimously and emphatically differ with him in his conclusions, and in the recommendations of this report, as being contrary, not only to general Masonic usage, but also against this well settled law, in this jurisdiction, as fully defined and determined upon by this Grand Lodge, in the very recent agitation of the question, when the whole subject received the fullest discussion and elucidation. A more serious case of maiming can hardly be conceived of, and your committee feel that they would fail to discharge the duty imposed upon them if they allowed the matter thus

to pass without rebuke. A law so well known should not be violated with impunity, and your committee would therefore recommend, in order to carry out their purpose, so expressed, that the censure of this Grand Lodge be passed upon the Worshipful Master and brethren of Flint Hill Lodge, No. 85, for their action in this matter, as being directly contrary to their obligations and duties as Masons."

TEXAS.

The Grand Master James F. Miller, in his address reports that:—

"From an extensive correspondence with the subordinate Lodges in all parts of our extended territory, and from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, I find that with few exceptions, the Lodges are prosperous and working harmoniously. Their membership is increasing as rapidly as is prudent or desirable. The average attendance of the members at the communications of the Lodges have increased in all cases where proper care has been taken in the selection of officers. The Lodges have almost universally gone earnestly to work to enforce discipline and obedience to the moral teachings of our Order. Special attention has been given in most Lodges to the moral fitness of candidates. Brotherly love and forbearance seem to have been the rule of action, and the practice of charity universal. Notwithstanding a severe epidemic of yellow fever in a few localities of our State, our Order is to-day unusually prosperous, and we have confident hope of continued and increased prosperity, usefulness and happiness, if we but continue faithfully to discharge our duties as citizens and as Masons."

He believes that the tendency to multiply Lodges is not desirable. Also that Masonry is purely voluntary, and coercive measures to compel attendance at Lodge meetings should not be adopted.

Every Lodge except one has made returns of its work.

During the year he decided about two thousand questions in jurisprudence, usage and ritual. Clearly his office was no sinecure. We submit some of the more important of the forty-two decisions recorded:

"That it is not only not a Masonic offense, but that it is a

Masonic duty to B. B. an applicant, when there is no harm known of him and no particular good. That class of men who are neither bad nor good are not proper material for the Masonic temple, and every applicant who is not known to be *positively* good, and who is not *positively* known to be one who will reflect credit on the Order, ought to be rejected, and the Mason who does it should be commended for doing his duty faithfully."

"That the Grand Master has no authority to permit a Lodge to remove its place of meeting to within ten miles of another Lodge, nor to any place where it would interfere with the material rightfully belonging to another Lodge."

"That our funeral ceremonies must not be performed at the grave of a deceased brother more than once. A brother having been once buried with the usual Masonic ceremonies, by a Lodge of which he was not a member, is a full and complete burial, and the Lodge of which he was a member should not again perform the funeral service at the grave."

He has the following on our settlement :

"It will be gratifying to the Craft in all jurisdictions to learn that the unhappy differences between the M. W. Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, which have existed for some time, have at last been settled upon a basis satisfactory and honorable alike to both bodies. I am indebted to the brethren of both jurisdictions for much kindness and courtesy, and can assure them that their brethren in Texas are rejoicing in the hope that they will find it good and pleasant for 'brethren to dwell together in unity.' "

On his retirement, Bro. Miller was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel with an appropriate address.

The following was adopted :

Resolved,—That when a member of a chartered Lodge joins in a petition for a new Lodge, he shall not thereby lose his rights and standing as a member of his old Lodge, until such time as the new Lodge shall be chartered and constituted. He then loses his membership in his former Lodge, as in case of a dimit, but subject to the payment of dues to that time, and to suspension for the non-payment thereof."

The report of the special committee on the establishment of a Masonic Agricultural and Mechanical School for the

education of Master Mason's orphans, was read and adopted. It states in effect that such an institution is very desirable and should be established, and recommends the collection of subscriptions and the voice of the Lodges taken on the question.

The following were adopted :

“*Resolved*,—That resolution No. 93, adopted by this Grand Lodge (see Proceedings of 1874, page 242) prohibiting a Mason from being a member of two Lodges at one and the same time, shall not be so construed as to apply to a Mason producing a certificate showing that he is a life member in good standing, of a Lodge under any other jurisdiction than this Grand Lodge.”

“*Resolved*,—That members of subordinate Lodges suspended for unimasonic conduct, other than non-payment of dues, shall not be required to pay dues for the term of their suspension; nor shall subordinate Lodges pay dues on such members to this Grand Lodge.”

Bro. E. H. Cushing notices our proceedings for 1873, and has the following remarks on our Lodge in Palestine :

“During the year dispensations for fifteen new Lodges were granted, and among them one to Robert Macoy, De Witt C. Creiger, and many other brethren, to open and hold the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem. If it is strictly in order, we should like to know why these brethren went to Canada for their dispensation; why they went there when Canada was under censure of four-fifths of the American Lodges, and suspended intercourse with one, if not two; why they called their Lodge a Royal Lodge, being Americans; why they called it Solomon Lodge, being an unwise piece of nonsense; and above all, why they called it a Royal Solomon *Mother* Lodge, being in fact the youngest Masonic body then born, and still to show whether it had life enough to live, or an object to live for, much less whether it would ever have a chance to be the mother of anything—*itself* an abortion. We propose a 34th degree of Scotch Rite, and let us call it the Royal Mother Solomon Degree, Supreme in all the World, Seated at Jerusalem, High and Mighty, Governing Potentates and Princes, Powers and Dominions, and let the royal old parties that have gotten up this Lodge be invested with the full authority to fulminate their high-sounding decrees to their heart's content. They

will not hurt anybody, and may do the brethren of Royal Mother Solomon good."

He quotes our note on the Quebec question, and then says :

"Bro. Robertson is exactly right as to that being the keynote to the whole question, and the strictest reply is: Suppose the political power divides, and the two parts go to war with each other, as is possible, and no Masonic Grand Lodge can prevent it, what then? Homogeneity is as essential to Grand Lodge supremacy as it is to the life of the Lodge itself."

The answer to this is quite simple. The war could not possibly affect the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. Unless the Grand Lodge *itself* should divide itself, it would still remain as before, and would hold and claim its own jurisdiction notwithstanding all the wars that might be prosecuted within its territory.

UTAH.

Grand Master Cohn reports a steady increase in numbers. He thinks it is high time they had a standard work, and that all brethren travelling abroad should procure diplomas.

One case is thus stated :

"Another incident of sufficient importance I also deem necessary to mention by way of guidance to future Grand Masters, as it can not apply to me personally, for I am at the end of my term of office. It is this :

"On it becoming known to the members of a Lodge that I intended to be present at a trial of one of its members, my privilege to do so was seriously questioned by some, because I was not a member of that Lodge.

"For the benefit of all Masons in this jurisdiction let me, therefore, say, that the doors of Lodges must always be open for the Grand Master, at all times and under all circumstances; and, if he chooses, he may preside over their meetings."

"He believes we have "too much Masonry," and though on "dangerous ground" in his opinion, he concludes his remarks on this subject as follows :

“I remember when we had no Chapter, Commandery or Scottish Rites in this city, the Lodges were always well attended, the members well posted in the rituals, and the officers proud of their positions in the Lodge, vied with each other in the accuracy of the work. I am constrained to say, that such is not the case now. Masons occupying the highest offices in the Chapter and Commandery, can scarcely assist in the conferring of a Degree in the Blue Lodge when called upon. All this I attribute to *too much Masonry*, and in the dim future I can see greater danger springing from this, than from all the assailants against Freemasonry.

“My brethren of the “higher degrees,” I mean no disparagement to you or to your degrees. I have the greatest reverence for your excellent teachings. We are all brothers, belonging to one of the greatest families under the sun, and I shall ever rejoice in your prosperity. But as Grand Master of Utah, I caution you not to sap your own foundation. Your material should be selected from the matured, ripe members of the order, and not from among those who are scarcely familiar with their first A B C lessons. You destroy their Masonic usefulness by permitting them to join you too quickly. Bear in mind that Blue Lodge Masonry is the root of all; weaken it, and the Masonic structure will become top-heavy and crumble to pieces. I conjure you to attend the Blue Lodges of which you are members, and take an active part in their workings, and do not leave the whole of it to the Master, Secretary, and one or two other members.”

Among the Grand Representatives appointed, we are pleased to notice “R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr near the Grand East of Canada.”

Attempts are being made to induce non-affiliates to join by the issue of circulars, &c. The Grand Secretary's report says:

“The Secretaries, to their credit be it said, attended faithfully to their duties, and August 1st, at my request, transmitted to me their reports. Three hundred and twenty-four circulars marked “A” were mailed. From the answers received, it appears that two hundred and twelve Masons reside in Utah, who are contributing members of Lodges outside of this jurisdiction. Ninety-five are non-affiliates, and seventeen considered themselves above any Masonic authority and refused to answer. The names of these and

of the non-affiliates are on file in this office. Only seven have affiliated with our Lodges since the request was made. It can easily be presumed that about one hundred more Masons residing in Utah were not addressed."

On this matter the following report was adopted :

"We, your committee on non-affiliates, after a careful examination of the plans of several Grand Lodges of the United States, and an earnest consideration of this very important subject, would respectfully submit and recommend the adoption of the following standing resolutions :

"*Resolved*,—That all non-affiliated Masons in this jurisdiction shall have the privilege of visiting Lodges for the period of six months, but such non-affiliates shall petition some Lodge within thirty days thereafter for membership, or contribute to some chartered Lodge in this jurisdiction its regular dues, and in case of non-compliance, shall be debarred from all Masonic rights and privileges, as follows :

"1st. They shall not be allowed to visit any Lodge.

"2nd. They shall not be allowed to appear in any Masonic procession.

"3rd. They shall not be entitled to Masonic charity.

"4th. They shall not be entitled to Masonic burial.

"They shall be deemed drones in the hive of Masonry, and unworthy our protection as Masons."

"And we, your committee, would recommend the following for your consideration. That all Lodges shall be required to have posted at the entrance to their Lodge-rooms, the names of all non-affiliates remaining such after the expiration of the time stated, namely : *Seven months*. And they shall every three months transmit a list of the same to the Grand Secretary, to be by him forwarded to all subordinate Lodges, and by them posted in like manner.

"And we would further recommend for your adoption the following resolution :

"*Resolved*,—That the resolution embodied in this report, be printed on the back of all dimitts granted in this Grand jurisdiction."

VERMONT.

Grand Master Park Davis thus reports his action with us :

"It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce to

you the restoration of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Canada. This was occasioned by an adjustment of all Masonic disputes between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, upon the basis of a withdrawal of all claim on the part of the former to any Masonic jurisdiction within the Province of Quebec. This was effected on the 17th day of February last by a joint committee fully authorized for the purpose, appointed by the Grand Masters of the two bodies respectively. I was informed of the settlement of these controversies by R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, the Secretary of the joint committee, and was assured by him that the action of the committee had received the approval of the Grand Masters of both Provinces.

"All occasion, therefore, for continuing in force the edict of non-intercourse issued December 9th, 1872, had ceased, and I felt it to be my duty to show, by prompt action, that the fraternal spirit of Vermont Masons towards their brethren in Canada had not been impaired by the period of non-intercourse that had intervened. Therefore, on the 28th day of February, I issued an edict revoking the former one of non-intercourse. A copy of this I forwarded immediately to M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, Grand Master of Canada, together with a letter to him earnestly soliciting similar action on his part. He responded in a most cordial and fraternal letter assuring me that he would take early action in the direction solicited. Accordingly on the 18th day of March last, he issued his edict of revocation annulling his former one which suspended Masonic intercourse with us.

"The report of the joint committee above referred to, and the edict of revocation issued by me are published in the printed proceedings of 1873. The edict of Grand Master Wilson is presented herewith.

"Thus are fully restored the relations of harmony and fraternal regard which heretofore existed between the Grand Lodge of Canada and that of Vermont. As these relations were sundered for a time in defence, as we believe, of the principles promulgated by our lamented Past Grand Master Tucker, so it is hoped, in future these relations now restored will become and remain as cordial as they were in his day."

The proceedings contain nothing of more than local interest. The Lodges are generally in a healthy condition and doing good work.

Grand Secretary Clark has a good report on correspondence, kindly noticing Canada for 1873.

VIRGINIA.

The address of the Grand Master William H. Lambert, is clear and business-like. He thinks they are multiplying Lodges too rapidly. He chartered sixteen during the year, they having strictly complied with all the requirements of the Grand Lodge. One of his decisions is thus stated:—

“A resident of this state, whilst on a foreign cruise, claims to have received the three degrees of Masonry at one time, by dispensation (the work being done in the French language), at a place called Seychelles, in a group of islands in the Indian ocean. The Lodge conferring this high honor is represented to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France. Desiring to affiliate in this jurisdiction, I have decided that he cannot be recognized as a Mason, and that his only course is to petition as any other Profane, and if elected, he can then receive the degrees in due and ancient form, according to law and usage.”

The following was adopted:—

“WHEREAS, our Canadian brethren have happily adjusted their differences, and the Grand Lodge of Canada has relinquished to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, jurisdiction over all the territory which she has occupied since 1855, in that part of Canada now constituting the Province of Quebec—

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Virginia hereby recognizes the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and extends to her as a sister Grand Lodge the best wishes of all the Craft in Virginia for peace and prosperity.”

Also this on refreshments:—

“*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, it is not desirable that the refreshments furnished the Grand Lodge be so elaborate and expensive, as the same have been in the past, and that the Grand Steward's Committee be requested to use their best endeavors to reduce materially the cost of such refreshments.”

Canada for 1874 is revised by Bro. Wellford.

WASHINGTON.

From the able address of Grand Master Rothschild, we make the following extracts:—

“The Lodge was fully attended and while here a most commendable display of true Masonic charity came to my knowledge that I feel should here be recorded. Bro. Charles Thieles, the German brother, whose death and funeral have been referred to, left a widow, unable to speak English at all, who felt most lonely among strangers, in a strange land. Having expressed to desire a return to fatherland to dwell, with kindred and friends, the brethren took up a collection raised for her the sum of \$200, to send her back to her early home. Such a Lodge, such an act, such Masons are entitled to honorable mention and their Masonic spirit is worthy of our imitation.

“If each Subordinate Lodge would provide certain standard works on our jurisprudence, or even take occasion to examine the proceedings of Grand Lodges, as reviewed in the reports on Foreign Correspondence, printed annually in the proceedings, much light would be afforded on Masonic Law and Usage. Necessity would not exist for reference of such questions. The Landmarks are plain; the Law which must conform therewith is equally plain; what cannot be altered is apparent; what may be the subject of, or modified by *local* regulation can be ascertained. If the matter be within the former class, the Law of Masonry will settle the case and it can be found in any of the commentaries. If of the latter, the Constitution and few standing regulations of our Grand Lodge, within reach of every brother, furnish the decision. Twenty-five dollars judiciously expended will procure for each Lodge all the necessary Digests and Treaties. This branch of knowledge, so full of interest, is really too much neglected. Brethren should read for themselves. Many are as competent to give an intelligent opinion as the Grand Master. He is rather an Executive officer, not a *Juris consult*. He is to see that the law is obeyed; it is neither his province to make law, nor construe it for another's action, or to gratify another's curiosity. A number of the questions addressed to me are purely *hypothetical*; the mere *opinion* of the Grand Master is sought. Now such an opinion is not *decision*; is not binding *per se*. If it becomes necessary to *act* officially in a matter pending, the *act* and *reason* therefor, if approved by the Grand Lodge, become *decision* and *pre-*

cedent, having the *authority* of law for the enlightenment of the fraternity. He may answer these queries by lengthly disquisitions, and the Grand Lodge may approve such answers and thereby give them the force and effect of authority. But even then they are but enunciations of abstract principles, deriving no force whatever from the simple fact that they emanated from a Grand Master.

“Walla Walla Lodge, No. 7, causes inquiry to be made, ‘What are the Grand Lodge dues per year for *non-affiliate* Masons, and to whom payable?’ *Answer*.—Article X, Sec. 2, of Grand Lodge Constitution, provides that each Subordinate Lodge shall pay annually to Grand Lodge Treasury one dollar for every affiliate and one dollar for every contributing member. Said section thus clearly implies that a contributing member is a *non-affiliate*. Standing Regulation No. 12 clearly draws the distinction and imposes upon every *non-affiliate* the duty of contributing regularly an amount equal to the customary dues of the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides. Hence the Secretary must collect from these *non-affiliates* Lodge dues, making them thereby *contributing members*, one dollar for each of which contributing members is payable into the Grand Lodge Treasury.”

We cannot agree with this last. We fail to see the distinction between an affiliate and a contributing member. To our mind they are synonymous terms. Nor do we see how it is possible to collect dues from non-affiliates.

The following resolution, introduced by M. W. Bro. Elwood Evans, the Centennial Commissioner for the Territory, was unanimously adopted :

“WHEREAS, The attendance upon the centennial celebration, to be held in Philadelphia in 1876, will be largely composed of Masons from different parts of the world, who, for the good of Masonry, should meet in a Masonic Body; therefore,

“*Resolved*, This Grand Lodge fraternally suggests to our sister Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that measures be instituted whereby a reunion of Masons who shall attend the Centennial Exposition in 1876 may be had, and this Grand Lodge will co-operate with other Grand Bodies in furtherance of this object.”

The following was adopted. Their reports in future will be about as good reading as a Chinese dictionary :

“Your Committee on Jurisprudence and By-laws, to whom was referred the resolution upon the subject matter of curtailing the printing expense attending the publication of the report on Foreign Correspondence, beg leave to report the following resolution as a substitute, and recommend its adoption.

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary, *ex-officio* Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, be instructed to cause to be printed with our Annual Proceedings a report which shall embody

“1. The proper acknowledgment of the receipt of proceedings from sister Grand Lodges, together with any and all documents, periodicals or books received, whether from sister Grand Lodges, Associations, or otherwise.

“2. A statistical table of American Grand Lodges and such other Grand Bodies as this Grand Lodge is in correspondence with, and we commend as a guide the form taken from pages 124 and 125, Oregon Proceedings, 1874.

“3. A compendium or digest of decisions on Masonic law, arranged under appropriate heads.”

WEST VIRGINIA.

The report of the District Deputy for the Ninth District states that there are four Lodges in that district working under the jurisdiction of Virginia; that cordial relations exist between them and the other Lodges, and that a union will probably be effected in the course of time.

It was decided

“That there is no law known to your committee in Masonic jurisprudence by which a member of a just and legally constituted Lodge may be dimitted for a specified time, as was done in the case of Bro. Chase. The period fixed being one year from the date of the dimit.”

Other proceedings local.

WISCONSIN.

Grand Master Pulford reports that "the practical results of the school system have been such that our Lodges have become so well posted in the ritual that the holding of the same might be dispensed with for the coming year, confining the services of the Grand Lecturer to the newly chartered Lodges. By so doing we could make a large saving."

He recommends the restoration of the fund for building a Masonic Temple, which has been incroached upon until it is nearly exhausted.

Grand Lodge decided that the Grand Master has undoubted power to suspend a W. M. until the next meeting of Grand Lodge for any cause which he may deem sufficient.

The "Ladies' Temperance Band" of Milwaukee presented a memorial asking steps to be taken to aid them in their noble efforts to reclaim the unfortunate victims of intemperance, which was ordered to be published with the proceedings.

Canada for 1873 receives a fraternal notice.

WYOMING.

This is the latest addition to our family. "Welcome, little stranger!"

A convention was held at Laramie City, December 15th, 1874, with S. L. Mills, President; A. T. Parshall, Secretary; and the representatives of four Lodges.

A Grand Lodge was organized, Grand Officers elected, and a constitution and by-laws adopted.

CONCLUSION.

We are this year indebted to Illinois for the following table of statistics, for which we tender our thanks:

Statistical Table, prepared for the Committee on Correspondence by W. FRANK HUDSON, Jr., Deputy Grand Secretary, of Illinois.

GRAND LODGE.	When held	Number of Lodges.	Members Reported.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Reinstated	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended	Expelled.
Alabama	Dec. 1873	209	10,081	637	422	187	184	662	600	24
Arkansas	Oct. 1873	327	10,643	700	346	57	188	470	211	23
British Columbia	Dec. 1873	8	282	23	10	...	6	22	15	...
California	Oct. 1873	192	10,725	700	526	136	141	603	274	13
Canada	July 1873	297	13,750	1562	384	45	135	627	200	1
Colorado	Sept. 1873	19	1,066	100	61	1	13	52	23	1
Connecticut	May 1874	109	14,943	685	104	11	162	164	266	6
Delaware	June 1873	21	1,112	61	14	...	17	24	46	1
Dist. of Columbia	Jan. 1873	20	2,623	117	45	47	41	37	117	...
Florida	Jan. 1874	53	1,752	148	110	24	29	133	85	12
Georgia	Oct. 1873	280	15,402	821	427	121	223	636	150	49
Illinois	Oct. 1873	676	35,583	2531	807	158	438	1545	738	104
Indiana	May 1874	492	26,684	2132	744	145	324	1257	478	144
Idaho	Dec. 1873	8	276	12	14	...	1	18	2	...
Iowa	June 1874	310	16,117	1317	626	69	115	987	19	22
Kansas	Oct. 1873	146	5,498	465	315	28	73	267	224	14
Kentucky	Oct. 1873	452	20,964	...	...	...	256	...	790	55
Louisiana	Feb. 1874	153	7,788	336	169	31	186	320	114	24
Maine	May 1874	169	18,108	...	1499	120	210	376	133	3
Maryland	Nov. 1873	86	5,922	...	...	...	9	48	52	50
*Massachusetts . .	Dec. 1873	201	24,035	1568	1905	210	269	694	276	3
Michigan	Jan. 1874	314	24,991	1518	465	55	249	861	320	85
Minnesota	Jan. 1874	101	5,198	487	165	...	56	235	66	3
Mississippi	Feb 1874	317	11,194	852	511	466	205	831	499	89
Missouri	Oct. 1873	470	25,120	1420	922	39	290	997	218	74
Montana	Oct. 1873	19	667	45	34	...	2	35	10	..
Nebraska	June 1873	46	1,943	197	127	15	15	77	16	10
Nevada	Nov. 1873	17	1,243	100	128	11	14	94	31	5
New Brunswick	Sept. 1873	30	2,038	215	54	6	21	94	36	...
New Hampshire	May 1874	71	7,645	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Jersey	Jan. 1874	138	11,342	984	222	53	120	197	184	12
New York	June 1874	698	81,893	...	1165	478	885	1021	2853	70
North Carolina . .	Dec. 1873	227	9,943	457	300	41	125	185	132	39
Nova Scotia	June 1873	63	2,878	419	62	3	36	183	68	...
Ohio	Oct. 1873	436	28,936	1878	550	476	305	1013	993	137
Oregon	June 1873	44	1,918	170	115	3	17	82	22	5
Pennsylvania	Dec. 1872	501	34,772	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quebec	Sept. 1873	38	1,781	196	33	15	8	100	71	...
Rhode Island . . .	May 1873	26	3,990	162	22	2	48	26	..	2
South Carolina . .	Dec. 1873	158	6,900	...	...	...	78	241	257	...
Tennessee	Nov. 1873	376	19,922	1067	504	118	280	1123	228	56
Texas	June 1874	348	16,516	1076	1348	135	333	1281	358	69
Utah	Nov. 1873	5	306	...	...	...	2	1	12	10
Vermont	June 1873	100	10,447	...	...	...	77	104	209	19
Virginia	Dec. 1873	206	8,507	...	...	...	10	96	364	181
Washington	Sept. 1873	16	608	63	44	3	6	40	15	4
West Virginia . .	Nov. 1873	64	2,963	284	67	24	35	141	63	4
Wisconsin	June 1873	172	9,508	550	245	43	84	393	165	13

*Exclusive of China and Chili.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Grand Lodges..	48	Reinstatements.....	3,307
do Subordinate Lodges	9,324	Deaths.....	6,582
Members reported.....	577,719	Dimissions	17,881
Raisings	26,125	Suspensions	11,686
Affiliations	23,698	Expulsions	1,190

This is probably our last effort in this direction. We are grateful for the many favors bestowed upon us during the past three years, and we would ask for our successor the same consideration we have uniformly received.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT., May 31st, 1875.

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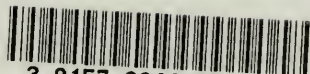
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